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**Act**

**amending the Vehicles Act**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament,

§ 3(2), § 10(1) and § 25(1)(12)

of the Vehicles Act (1090/2002),

as they appear in § 3(2) of Act 942/2018, § 10(1) of Act

507/2017 and § 25(1)(12) of Act 1042/2014, are hereby *amended*, and a new § 14 b *added* to the Act, as follows:

§ 3

*Definitions*

For the purposes of this act:

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2) *motor-powered vehicle* refers to a vehicle powered by machine power; motor-powered vehicles include automobiles, mopeds, motorcycles, three- and four-wheeled L-class vehicles, tractors, lightweight vehicles, motorised construction machines and off-road vehicles;

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§ 10

*Automobile*

*A vehicle of category M or N (automobile*) is a motor-powered vehicle intended for the carriage of persons or goods or manufactured for a specific function that has at least four wheels or is track-laying, and has a maximum design speed exceeding 25 km/h. However, a four-wheel vehicle which is deemed to fall within category L pursuant to § 11, or regarded as a tractor pursuant to § 14, a lightweight vehicle pursuant to § 14b, a motorised construction vehicle pursuant to § 15 or an off-road vehicle pursuant to § 16 shall not be regarded as a vehicle of category M or N.

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§ 14b

*Lightweight vehicle*

A lightweight vehicle is a vehicle included in category T1 as referred to in § 14(1)(1):

1. whose maximum design speed is limited to 60 kilometres per hour;
2. which has been converted from a vehicle of category M1 that was previously taken into use in Finland;

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1. in the case of which no more than 10 years have elapsed following the end of the year in which it was taken into use, provided that it was first taken into use on 1 January 2015 or later; and
2. whose kerb weight in ready to drive condition does not exceed 1 500 kg, or 1 800 kg if the vehicle’s motive power is electricity.

§ 25

*Construction, control devices and equipment of vehicles*

In order to be safe to use, a vehicle used in traffic shall have:

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12) a speedometer in the case of a motor vehicle and a speed limitation device in the case of a lightweight vehicle and a vehicle of categories, M2, M3, N2 and N3;

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**Act**

**amending the Driving Licence Act**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament,

§ 4(1)(1)(b), § 7(5), § 39 and § 41(2) of the Driving Licence Act (386/2011), as they appear in § 4(1)(1)(b), § 7(5) and § 39 of Act 387/2018 and in § 41(2) of Act 938/2018, are hereby *amended* as follows:

§ 4

*Categories of driving licences*

The categories in group 1 are:

1) AM, which contains:

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b) light quadricycles, lightweight vehicles referred to in § 14b of the Vehicles Act (1090/2002) and those tractors in vehicle category T3 whose maximum design speed is over 40 km/h but no more than 60 km/h, along with towable vehicles connected to them;

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§ 7

*Scope of the right to drive*

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Category T and the right to drive a lightweight vehicle and a tractor in vehicle category T3 with a category AM driving licence are in force only in Finland.

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§ 39

*The vehicle driver in driving training and accompanied driving*

In driving training and accompanied driving, the following person is considered the driver of the vehicle:

1. in category B, the instructor, and during accompanied driving, the training supervisor;
2. in categories C1 and C, the instructor;
3. in driving training of category D1 or D, the instructor or the student, if he or she has a category C driving licence;
4. in category E, the student;
5. on a moped, motorcycle, tractor, lightweight quadricycle or lightweight vehicle, where the seating positions are one behind the other, during driving training or accompanied driving

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the student or the instructor or training supervisor, if he or she is present on the motorcycle, tractor, lightweight vehicle or lightweight quadricycle; 6) in category T, the student.

§ 41

*Execution of driving training and accompanied driving*

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In driving training for categories B, C1 and C, the instructor or the training supervisor shall sit next to the student during driving training. The same requirement applies to driving training and accompanied driving on a quadricycle, lightweight vehicle or tractor, if the seating positions in the vehicle are adjacent.

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**Act**

**amending the Road Traffic Act**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament,

§ 2a(2) and § 88(1) of the Road Traffic Act (267/1981)

as these appear in Act 1610/2015 are hereby *amended*,

and a new § 91a *added* to the Act, as follows:

§ 2a

*Definitions of vehicles*

In the road traffic legislation, the following definitions shall apply:

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2) *motor-powered vehicle* refers to a vehicle powered by machine power; motor-powered vehicles include automobiles, motorcycles and mopeds, three- and four-wheeled L-class vehicles, and also tractors, lightweight vehicles, motorised construction machines and off-road vehicles;

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§ 88

*Obligation to use seatbelts and other protective devices on the seat*

While driving, drivers and passengers must wear the seatbelts attached to the seating position or another protective device that limits their mobility:

1. in passenger cars;
2. in buses;
3. in vans;
4. in lorries;
5. on three-wheel mopeds and motor-powered tricycles, if the original fittings of the vehicle include seatbelts;
6. on light quadricycles, heavy quadricycles and off-road vehicles, if the original fittings of the vehicle include seatbelts; 7) in lightweight vehicles.

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§ 91a

*Use of lightweight vehicles*

Lightweight vehicles may not be driven on motorways or on dual carriageways. Motorway and dual carriageway means a road intended for motor-powered vehicles, which is indicated by road signs.

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**Act**

**amending § 4 of the Motor Vehicle Tax Act**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament,

§ 4 of the Motor Vehicle Tax Act (1281/2003), as it appears in Acts 235/2007 and 307/2018, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 4

*Vehicles liable to tax*

Motor vehicle tax shall be paid on category M and N vehicles entered in the register as well as on lightweight vehicles in category T1. Vehicles registered outside Finland are liable for a flat-rate tax and consumption tax in accordance with the provisions of §§ 38–44. A vehicle that should have been entered in the register or reported to the register as having been put into use in traffic is also liable to motor vehicle tax.

A machine constructed on the chassis of a car is not considered a vehicle referred to in subsection 1 if it is a category N2 or N3 vehicle that is fitted with special equipment for work and if it is not intended for the transport of goods other than tools and materials necessary for work.

A vehicle that is not classified into category M or N or another vehicle category in the transport register is considered, for taxation purposes, to belong to a vehicle category pursuant to road traffic legislation based on the quality of the vehicle.

The provisions of this act on passenger cars apply to the motor vehicle tax liability of a lightweight vehicle.

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**Act**

# amending § 1 of the Car Tax Act

In accordance with the decision of Parliament, § 1 of the Car Tax Act (1482/1994), as it appears in Acts 5/2009 and 313/2018, is hereby *amended* as follows:

§ 1

Car tax shall be paid to the State pursuant to the provisions of this act on a passenger car (category M1), a van (category N1), a bus (category M2) with an unladen mass of less than 1 875 kilograms, a lightweight vehicle (category T1), a motorcycle (category L3 and L4) or other vehicle in category L before the registration of the vehicle to the transport register referred to in the Act on Transport Services (320/2017) (*register*) or before the vehicle is put into use in Finland.

Unless otherwise provided in this act, the provisions of the Vehicles Act (1090/2002) and regulations adopted pursuant to it apply to the classification and technical characteristics of vehicles.

The provisions of this act on passenger cars apply to the car tax liability of a lightweight vehicle.

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**Act**

**amending § 1 of the Fuel Levy Act**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament, § 1 of the Fuel Levy Act (1280/2003) is hereby *amended* as follows:

§ 1

*Scope of application*

A fuel levy is paid to the State, pursuant to the provisions of this act, on a vehicle that uses a fuel taxed more lightly than petrol or diesel.

This law applies to a vehicle registered in Finland or another country or used in Finland without registration.

The provisions of this act on passenger cars apply to the payment of the fuel levy on a lightweight vehicle in category T1.

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**Act**

**amending § 114 of the Added Value Act**

In accordance with the decision of Parliament,

§ 114(3) of the Value Added Tax Act (1501/1993), as it appears in Act 962/1998, is hereby *amended* as follows:

§ 114

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The provisions of subsection 1, paragraph 5 and subsection 2 above on passenger cars apply also to dual-purpose vehicles and to lightweight vehicles modified from category M1 vehicles referred to in § 14b of the Vehicles Act (1090/2002).

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**Act**

# amending Chapter 23, § 12 of the Criminal Code

In accordance with the decision of Parliament, Chapter 23, § 12(3) of the Criminal Code (39/1889), as it appears in Act 1611/2015, is hereby *amended* as follows:

Chapter 23

# Traffic offences

§ 12

*Definitions*

For the purpose of this chapter:

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3) *motor-powered vehicle* refers to a vehicle powered by machine power; motor-powered vehicles include automobiles, mopeds, motorcycles, motor-powered tricycles, light and heavy quadricycles, tractors, lightweight vehicles, motorised construction machines and off-road vehicles;

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