

MOTOR VEHICLES ORDINANCE

1978

No. 6 of 1978

An Ordinance to amend the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance*

[Assented to 31 March 1978]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* 1978.

Short title

2. The *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Principal Ordinance

3. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*. *

Commencement

4. After section 8 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:

Registrar may exempt a visiting motor vehicle

“8A.(1) The Registrar may, in his discretion, if he is satisfied that he would register a visiting motor vehicle if it was presented for registration, exempt it from the requirement for registration for a period.

“(2) The Registrar shall not grant an exemption under sub-section (1) for a period that exceeds the remainder of the period for which the vehicle is then currently registered in the place in which it is registered.”.

Driving unregistered motor vehicles

5. Section 107 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-sections:

“(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1)—

(a) a visiting motor vehicle in relation to which there is in force a policy of insurance complying with the provisions of a law that is in force in a State or in the Australian Capital Territory requiring the owner or driver of a motor vehicle to be insured against liability in respect of the death of, or bodily injury to, any person caused by or arising out of the use of the motor vehicle;

(b) a motor vehicle being driven to the office of the Registrar for the purpose of being registered; and

(c) a motor vehicle being removed or operated in pursuance of a licence granted under section 137,

shall be deemed to be registered.

* The date fixed was 5 May 1978

“(3) A person shall not drive a visiting motor vehicle on any day upon a public street unless—

- (a) he can establish, to the satisfaction of the Registrar, that within the period of 3 months immediately preceding that day, it has been outside the Territory; or
- (b) the vehicle is exempt from the requirement for registration by virtue of section 8A.

“(4) A prosecution for an offence against sub-section (3) shall not be commenced except on a complaint by the Registrar.”.
