

Bill No. 20 of 1942.

A BILL TO AMEND THE VEHICLES AND HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC ACT, 1941.

This Bill amends *The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1941*.

It is anticipated that there will be considerable difficulty in obtaining metal number plates for motor vehicles. The new section 30a and the new paragraph added to section 77 will enable the Minister to issue a marker or a single number plate in lieu of the plates presently required. The form, design and manner of display of the marker will be covered by regulations. The marker will be of plastic or any other material which may be secured, and which would be suitable for the purpose.

Under *The Limitation of Actions Act, 1935*, the period within which an action for damages occasioned by a motor vehicle could be brought was two years. When *The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1941*, was passed this was reduced to one year. The object of the proposed amendment to section 101 is to preserve a right of action for a year after the new Act came into force, namely, April 8, 1941, which might otherwise be barred by the change in the limitation. Provision is made, however, that if the two years limited by the old Act expires during that year, the action will be barred.

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Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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No. 20 of 1942.

An Act to amend The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1941.

(Assented to _____, 1942.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1941, Amendment Act, 1942.*"

2. *The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1941*, being chapter 5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1941, is hereby amended by adding thereto immediately after section 30 the following new section:

"30a.—(1) Notwithstanding any of the requirements of this Act as to number plates, the Minister if he deems it expedient or necessary so to do, may issue one marker or number plate at the time of the issue of a certificate of registration, instead of the prescribed number plate or plates.

"(2) The display in the manner set out in the regulations of the marker or number plate so issued shall be a sufficient compliance for all purposes with the provisions of this Act requiring or relating to the display of number plates.

"(3) Every reference in this Act to a number plate or to number plates shall *mutatis mutandis* be deemed to be a reference to the marker or number plate issued by the Minister pursuant to this section."

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 58 by adding to subsection (5) thereof the following proviso:

"Provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply so as to make it unlawful for street railway cars or trolley busses forming part of the municipal street railway system of a city to turn to the right or to the left at the intersections referred to herein, without regard to the illuminated traffic control signals."

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 77 by adding immediately after paragraph (c) thereof the following new paragraph:

"(cc) prescribing the form, design and manner of display of any marker or number plate issued by the Min-

ister instead of the prescribed number plate or plates, and making any incidental provisions that may be necessitated by the substitution of the marker or number plate for the prescribed number plate or plates;”.

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 101 by adding immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection:

“(1a) The provisions of this section shall apply to all such causes of action whether the same arose before or after the coming into force of this Act but no action shall be barred merely by its operation until the expiry of one year from its coming into force:

“Provided that all actions that would have been barred by effluxion of time during such one year under the provisions of *The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act, 1924*, shall be barred as if such Act were still in force.”

6. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon so coming into force, section 4 shall be deemed to have been in force at all times since the eighth day of April, 1941.

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