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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2018 and come into operation on 31 May 2018.

New rule 37

2. The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 36, the following rule:

“Standing passengers

37.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), an excursion bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When an excursion bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) An excursion bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

- (a) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);

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- (b) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).”.

Amendment of rule 46

3. Rule 46 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the rule heading and substituting the following rule heading:

“Passenger capacity”.

New rule 46A

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 46, the following rule:

“Standing passengers

46A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a school bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When a school bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) A school bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

(a) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);

(b) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).”.

New rule 51A

5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 51, the following rule:

“Standing passengers

51A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a private hire bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When a private hire bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) The private hire bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

- (a) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);
- (b) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).”.

New rule 57A

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 57, the following rule:

“Standing passengers

57A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a private bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When a private bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) The private bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

- (a) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);
- (b) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 65

7. Rule 65 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Valid insurance policy in relation to use of excursion bus licence, school bus licence, private hire bus licence or private bus licence

65.—(1) A holder of an excursion bus licence, a school bus licence, a private hire bus licence or a private bus licence must ensure that there exists a valid policy of insurance in relation to the use of the excursion bus, school bus, private hire bus or private bus, as the case may be.

(2) The policy of insurance mentioned in paragraph (1) must be issued in relation to all passengers (whether seated or standing) in the excursion bus, school bus, private hire bus or private bus (as the case may be), and insure against any liability in respect of the death of, or bodily injury sustained by, any such passenger caused by or arising out of the use of that excursion bus, school bus, private hire bus or private bus, as the case may be.”.

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