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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1996 **(ACT NO.** 93 **OF** 1996)

AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

I, Jeffrey Thamsanqa Radebe, Minister of Transport, acting in terms **of** section 75 *of* the National Road Traffic **Act,** 1996 **(Act** No. 93 *of* 1996) herewith makes the regulations in the Schedule.

J. Radebe.

J. T. Radebe
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule "the Regulations" means the National Road Traffic Regulations published in Government Notice **No. R.** 225 of 17 March 2000, as amended by Government Notice No's. R. 761 of 31 July 2000, **R. 941** of **22** September 2000, R. 726 of 3 August 2001, R. 2116 of 5 October 2001, R. 779 of **4** June 2002, R. 1341 *of* 25 September 2003, R. 881 of 23 July 2004, R871 of 2 September 2005, R1066 of 23 November 2005, R1318 of 2 December 2005 and R1319 of 2 December 2005.

2. Regulation 1 is amended -

(a) the insertion after the definition of "personalised licence number", the following definition :

""public transport vehicle" means a motor vehicle conveying persons for reward and operating in terms of an operating licence issued in accordance with the provision of the NLTTA;"; and

(b) the insertion after the definition of " daytime running lamp" the following definition:

""dedicated lane" means a portion of the public road reserved during certain period for the exclusive use of a certain categories of motor vehicles, the use and the categories of vehicles of which are prescribed by an appropriate sign;".

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Insertion of regulation 296A in the Regulations

2. The following regulation is inserted in the Regulations after regulation **296:**

"Dedicated public transport vehicle or high occupancy vehicle lanes

296A (1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a dedicated lane, other than the class of vehicles referred to by such sign, between the hours of 06h00 to 09h00 and 16h00 to 18h30 Monday to Friday, except weekends and public holidays.

Provided that the driver of a vehicle, other than the driver of a vehicle of the class referred to by such sign, may only enter such dedicated lane, if-

(a) he or she cannot enter or leave any premises adjacent to such dedicated lane;
(b) he or she cannot enter or leave any public road without encroaching unto such dedicated lane;
(c) he or she intend turning at the next intersection, on-ramp, off-ramp; and
(d) in compliance with a direction of a traffic officer or a road traffic sign;".

(2) the provision of subregulation (1) shall not apply in case of emergencies, to the driver of a fire-fighting vehicle, a fire-fighting response vehicle, an emergency medical response vehicle, a rescue vehicle or an ambulance, a vehicle which is engaged in civil protection as contemplated in section 3 of the Civil Protection Act, 1977 (Act No. 76 of 1977) or a traffic officer who drives such vehicle in execution of his or her duties;".

Short title and commencement

3. These Regulations are called the Twelve Amendment to the National Road Traffic Regulations, and come into operation upon publication in the *Gazette.*

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