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Amendments*

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#### SECTION 1

1. In page 3, to delete line 10 and substitute the following:

“1. (1) The Road Traffic Act 2010 is amended in section 4 by the substitution of the following for subsection 5:

“(5) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable on indictable conviction to a fine not exceeding €10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.”.

- (2) The Road Traffic Act 2010 is amended in section 29—”.

—Robert Troy.

#### SECTION 3

2. In page 4, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

#### “Amendment of Road Traffic Act 1961

3. The Road Traffic Act 1961 is amended by the insertion of the following new section after section 55:

“55A.(1)The driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle passing a pedal bicycle that is travelling in the same direction as the driver must pass the pedal bicycle at a sufficient distance from the pedal bicycle.

- (2) A sufficient distance from the pedal bicycle is—

- (a) if the applicable speed limit is not more than 50 kilometres per hour a lateral distance from the pedal bicycle of at least 1 metre, or

- (b) if the applicable speed limit is more than 50 kilometres per hour a lateral distance from the pedal bicycle of at least 1.5 metres.

- (3) For the purpose of subsection (2), the lateral distance is the distance between the following points—

- (a) the furthestmost point to the left on the driver’s mechanically

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propelled vehicle or any projection from the vehicle, and

(b) the furthestmost point to the right of the pedal bicycle, any bicycle trailer towed by the pedal bicycle, the rider or any passenger in or on any such trailer.

(4) The driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle who contravenes subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and he or she shall be liable for a fixed charge penalty of €80 with 3 penalty points on payment of a fixed charge and 5 penalty points and a fine not exceeding €1,500 on conviction in court.”.”.

—Robert Troy.

3. In page 4, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

**“Amendment of Road Traffic Act 1961**

3. The Road Traffic Act 1961 is amended—

(a) in section 3(1) by the insertion of the following:

“ ‘high-visibility jacket’ means a jacket made from high visibility material, i.e. clothing material that is easily discernible from any background and has reflective properties;

‘high-visibility vest’ means a vest made from high visibility material, i.e. clothing material that is easily discernible from any background and has reflective properties;”.

(b) by the insertion of the following new section after section 100:

“**100A.**(1)A person walking on an unlit public road shall wear a high-visibility jacket or vest.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence.”.”.

—Robert Troy.

4. In page 4, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

**“Amendment of Road Traffic Act 1961**

3. The Road Traffic Act 1961 is amended in section 96(1), after “places where school-children cross public roads”, by the insertion of “, or private roads open to the public”.”.

—Catherine Martin, Eamon Ryan.

5. In page 4, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

**“Amendment of Road Traffic Act 1961**

3. The Road Traffic Act 1961 is amended in section 96(1), after “places where school-children cross public roads”, by the insertion of “, or railways”.”.

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—Catherine Martin, Eamon Ryan.

6. In page 4, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

**“Amendment of Road Traffic Act 1994**

3. The Road Traffic Act 1994 is amended in section 38(1), after “in respect of public roads in their charge”, by the insertion of “and in respect of private roads open to the public which are intended to be taken in charge”.”.

—Catherine Martin, Eamon Ryan.

SECTION 4

7. In page 4, between lines 27 and 28, to insert the following:

**“Feasibility study on rural transport schemes**

4. The Minister shall lay before the Dáil a report undertaken by the Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport reviewing the Rural Transport Programme or any other rural transport initiatives, and in particular, examining the feasibility of expanding existing schemes to incorporate transport matters relating to rural licenced premises, including but not limited to issues of funding, taxation, expansion to regions not currently covered by the scheme, within 6 months of the passing of this Act.”.

—Imelda Munster.

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8. In page 3, lines 6 and 7, to delete “for that purpose to amend the Road Traffic Act 2010 and the Road Traffic Act 2002” and substitute the following:

“to create new offence in the case of a driver passing a pedal bicycle at an insufficient distance; for that purpose to amend the Road Traffic Act 2010, the Road Traffic Act 1961 and the Road Traffic Act 2002”.

—Robert Troy.