

**ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ACT**

Act 29 of 2008 – Not in operation as at 30 June 2009

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**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act—

“principal Act” means the Road Traffic Act.

**3. Section 2 of principal Act amended**

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definition—

“full face protective helmet” means a protective helmet which covers the entire head, including the base of the skull, the ears, lower front part of the face and which is provided with vision fitted with a plastic face shield, at the level of the eyes and nose.

**4. Section 123N of principal Act repealed and replaced**

Section 123N of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section—

**123N. Protective helmets**

(1) The Minister may make regulations prescribing the types, including the shape and construction, of protective helmets to be worn by persons riding motorcycles and autocycles so as to afford protection to such persons from injury in the event of accident.

(2) No person shall import, sell, offer for sale or have in his possession for sale a protective helmet which is not of a type prescribed under this section.

(3) No person shall—

- (a) ride a motorcycle or an auticycle; or
- (b) ride a motorcycle or an auticycle as a pillion rider,

unless he wears securely on his head a protective helmet of a type prescribed under this section.

(4) No person shall wear a full face protective helmet unless he is—

- (a) riding a motorcycle or an auticycle; or
- (b) riding a motorcycle or an auticycle as a pillion rider.

(5) Any person who contravenes this section shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months.

## **5. Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

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