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# Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2017

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**HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2017**



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An Ordinance to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance to increase the maximum passenger seating capacity of light buses from 16 to 19; to make consequential amendments; and to remove obsolete transitional provisions added by the Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 3) Ordinance 1988.

[7 July 2017]

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

**Part 1**

**Preliminary**

**1. Short title**

This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2017.

**2. Enactments amended**

The enactments specified in Parts 2 and 3 are amended as set out in those Parts.

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## Part 2

### Amendments to Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374)

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Section 2—

**Repeal the definition of *bus***

**Substitute**

“*bus* (巴士) means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted for the carriage of a driver and more than 19 passengers and their personal effects;

**Note—**

See also section 113C.”.

(2) Section 2, definition of *light bus*—

**Repeal**

“16”

**Substitute**

“19”.

4. Section 113A repealed (transitional provision regarding public and private buses)

Section 113A—

**Repeal the section.**

5. Section 113C added

After section 113B—

**Add**

**“113C. Transitional provisions relating to Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2017**

- (1) A motor vehicle that is—
    - (a) constructed or adapted for the carriage of a driver and a maximum of 17, 18 or 19 passengers; and
    - (b) registered as a private bus or public bus under this Ordinance immediately before the commencement of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2017 (10 of 2017),  
retains its registration as such, unless its owner applies for its re-registration as a vehicle within another class.
  - (2) To avoid doubt, a motor vehicle that retains its registration as a private bus or public bus by virtue of subsection (1) continues to fall within the definition of *private bus* or *public bus* (as the case may be) in section 2.”
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## Part 3

### Other Amendments

#### Division 1—Amendments to Motor Vehicles (First Registration Tax) Ordinance (Cap. 330)

6. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Section 2(1)—

**Repeal the definition of *bus***

**Substitute**

“*bus* (巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);”.

(2) Section 2(1)—

**Repeal the definition of *light bus***

**Substitute**

“*light bus* (小型巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);”.

7. Section 8A repealed (transitional provision regarding public and private buses)

Section 8A—

**Repeal the section.**

#### Division 2—Amendments to Road Tunnels (Government) Regulations (Cap. 368 sub. leg. A)

8. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Regulation 2(1)—

**Repeal the definition of *bus***

**Substitute**

“*bus* (巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);”.

- (2) Regulation 2(1)—

**Repeal the definition of *light bus***

**Substitute**

“*light bus* (小型巴士) has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374);”.

9. **Regulation 15A repealed (transitional provision regarding public and private buses)**

Regulation 15A—

**Repeal the regulation.**

**Division 3—Amendments to Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. A)**

10. **Third Schedule amended (maximum passenger seating capacity)**

Third Schedule—

**Repeal**

“16”

**Substitute**

“19”.

11. **Ninth Schedule amended (direction indicators)**

Ninth Schedule, Part III, paragraph 7(a)—

**Repeal**

“16”

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**Substitute**

“19”.