

A BILL

To

Amend the Road Traffic Ordinance to expand the definition of *animal* in section 56 of that Ordinance; and to make minor textual amendments to that section.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2021.
- (2) This Ordinance comes into operation on the expiry of 6 months beginning on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

2. Road Traffic Ordinance amended

The Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Section 56 amended (duty to stop in case of accidents)

(1) Section 56(1)(b)—

Repeal subparagraph (ii)

Substitute

“(ii) a specified animal (other than one in or on that vehicle or a trailer drawn by that vehicle); or”.

(2) Section 56—

Repeal subsection (4).

(3) After section 56(6)—

Add

“(7) In this section—

specified animal (指明動物) means any horse, cattle, ass, mule, sheep, pig, goat, cat or dog.”.

Explanatory Memorandum

Under section 56 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), the driver of a vehicle must stop and comply with certain requirements if, because of the vehicle, an accident occurs and causes damage to an animal as defined in that section (other than one in or on the vehicle or a trailer drawn by the vehicle).

2. The main purpose of this Bill is to add cat and dog to the definition.