MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ACT.

Act No. 14, 1949.

An Act to amend the Motor Traffic Act, 1909- No. 14, 1949.

1945, in certain respects; and for purposes
connected therewith. [Assented to, 21st
June, 1949.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Motor Traffic Short title and citation.
- (2) The Motor Traffic Act, 1909, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Motor Traffic Act, 1909-1949.

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No. 14, 1949.

Amendment of Act No. 5, 1909.
Sec. 5.
(Information as to identity of driver.)

- 2. The Motor Traffic Act, 1909-1945, is amended—
 - (a) by omitting paragraph (a) of subsection three of section five and by inserting in lieu thereof the following paragraph:—
 - (a) the owner of the vehicle, or the person in whose name it is registered, or the person having the custody of the vehicle, shall, when required so to do by a member of the police force, forthwith give information (which shall, if so required, be given in the form of a statement in writing signed by such owner or person) as to the name and place of abode of such driver, and if any such owner or person fails to do so he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the court that he did not know and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained such name and place of abode; and
 - (b) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection:—
 - (4) Where a statement in writing purporting to be furnished under paragraph (a) of subsection three of this section and to contain particulars of the name and place of abode of the driver of a motor vehicle at the time of commission of an alleged offence under this Act or any regulation is produced in any court in proceedings against the person named therein as the driver for such offence, the statement shall, if such person does not appear before the court, be evidence without proof of signature that he was the driver of such vehicle at such time.