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A Bill for an Act relating to Controlled Areas for Recreational Hooning.

To be enacted by the YMCA Victoria Youth Parliament;

Controlled Areas for Recreational Hooning Bill 2021

A Bill for an Act to establish safe driving practices in Victoria as a way to improve safety for civilians and drivers. The Bill sets to introduce restrictions, guidelines and requirements surrounding safer driving techniques to increase the safety of those on and near our roads. By providing safe spaces for hooning, this Bill aims to decrease the dangerous and reckless driving that is currently conducted on the roads illegally.

This Bill addresses the danger of reckless driving and forms guidelines on how to avert preventable misfortunes. This Bill will not only reduce reckless driving on public roads, but also reduce innocent casualties who are victims of reckless driving.

PART I—Preliminary

Clause 1 Purpose

The main purposes of this Act are—

- (a) to legalise recreational stunt and hoon driving within controlled facilities in Victoria;
- (b) to establish a governing organisation of these facilities to ensure that said driving is carried out in the safest manner possible;
- (c) to equip drivers engaging with these facilities with knowledge relating to safety and best practice stunt driving techniques.

Clause 2 Commencement

This Bill shall commence upon receiving assent from the Youth Governor of Victoria.

Clause 3 Definitions

In this Bill, we define the following to mean—

- (a) **burnout** means the practice of keeping a vehicle stationary and spinning its wheels;
- (b) **donut** means rotating the rear or front of a vehicle around the opposite set of wheels in a continuous motion creating a circular skid mark;
- (c) **drifting** means when a driver intentionally oversteers with loss of traction while maintaining control while driving a car through the entirety of a corner;
- (d) **hooning** means deliberately driving a vehicle in a high risk manner;
- (e) **race harness** a multi-point seat belt connected at a central buckle;
- (f) **stunt driving** means precision high risk driving, inclusive of but not limited to burnouts, donuts and drifting;
- (g) **the Board** means the Victorian Recreational Stunt and Hooning Driving advisory board;
- (h) **VRSHDO** means the Victorian Recreational Stunt and Hooning Driving Organisation.

Part II—Establishment

Clause 4 Establishment of the Victorian Recreational Stunt and Hooning Driving Organisation

- 4.1 The Victorian Recreational Stunt and Hooning Driving Organisation (VRSHDO) shall be established.
- 4.2 An advisory board shall be established and contain members from each of the following —
- (a) the Department of Transport;
 - (b) the Department of Justice and Community Safety;
 - (c) a representative for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety;
 - (d) a representative for the Minister for Transport Infrastructure;
 - (e) Victorian Police Commissioner or delegated representative;
 - (f) Premier of Victoria or related staffer.
- 4.3 The Board shall evaluate VRSHDO driving facilities as well as VRSHDO registered drivers as they deem necessary for any related safety concerns.
- 4.4 The Board shall have the power to introduce new VRSHDO driving facilities and safety measures including personal protective equipment requirements, arrange staffing for VRSHDO and ban VRSHDO registered drivers who break the specified rules and regulations.
- 4.5 The Board shall be responsible for creating and updating the rules and regulations that pertain to VRSHDO driving facilities.
- 4.6 The Board shall create VRSHDO driving facilities which shall be controlled areas situated 25km away from residential areas—
- (a) priority sites for VRSHDO development shall include repurposed industrial parks and decommissioned power stations used for processing fossil fuels.

Clause 5 Driver Requirements and Accountabilities

- 5.1 Drivers shall register with VRSHDO prior to accessing or participating at any VRSHDO facilities.
- 5.2 Participating drivers must at a minimum hold a Victorian Probationary Driver's License for at least 15 months prior to their registration.
- 5.3 Drivers shall provide proof of current third party or comprehensive insurance at the time of registering—
- (a) ongoing evidence of insurance registration must be provided at the request of VRSHDO.

- 5.4 Drivers shall wear all required personal protective equipment while using VRSHDO facilities.
- 5.5 Drivers shall be required to sign a High Risk Activity Liability Waiver prior to entering any VRSHDO facility .

Clause 6 Vehicle Requirements

- 6.2 Vehicles shall pass requirements which consist of the following—
 - (a) current registration with VicRoads;
 - (b) on arrival to the facility must be roadworthy;
 - (c) VRSHDO approved Seat belts or race harnesses;
 - (d) driver shall wear a VRSHDO approved helmet;
 - (e) an operational 1.5kg ABE chemical powder fire extinguisher.
- 6.3 When leaving the facility the vehicle will be examined to ensure if it is road worthy—
 - (a) if the vehicle is deemed unroadworthy it must leave the facility via a car trailer or tow truck;
 - (b) a vehicle deemed unroadworthy must obtain a roadworthy certificate by VicRoads and provided to VRSHDO.

Clause 7 Training Requirements

- 7.1 Drivers shall undertake mandatory training that consists of both theoretical and practical content.
- 7.2 The theoretical content shall consist of—
 - (a) a defensive driving course approved by VRSHDO;
 - (b) how to safely carry out stunt driving;
 - (c) procedures on how to control emergencies safely and quickly.
- 7.3 The practical content shall consist of —
 - (a) performance of a safely executed stunt;
 - (b) operation of a fire extinguisher on a controlled fire;
 - (c) acting out a mock emergency and demonstrate ability to resolve an emergency.
- 7.4 Drivers must pass all elements of the practical content before being awarded registration by VRSHDO.

Clause 8 Penalties

- 8.1 Any persons who does not adhere to the rules and regulations set by VRSHDO shall incur a fine of 5 penalty units in line with the **Sentencing Act 1991**.
- 8.2 Any persons who reoffend shall be permanently banned from VRSHDO and shall incur a fine of 10 penalty units in line with the **Sentencing Act 1991**.