1. The Bill amends several transport Acts with a focus on road safety initiatives. The road safety amendments intend to reduce death and serious injury caused by drink drivers and speeding drivers.
2. Key road safety initiatives will enhance the Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program (Interlock Program) to motivate and support drink drivers to separate their drinking from driving. Amendments will introduce a performance-based program so that people must demonstrate they have separated their drinking and driving to successfully complete the program; increase the current two-year interlock period to five years to support the performance-based program, meaning a person cannot drive for five years if they choose not to participate in the Interlock Program; expand the Interlock Program to require mid-range (0.10 to 0.149 BAC) drink drivers to participate in the program; and maintain access to restricted (work) licences for mid-range drink driving offenders who participate in the Interlock Program concurrently.
3. In addition, education programs for drink driving offenders will be introduced. First-time offenders will be required to complete an online Brief Intervention Education Program before they can re‑licence, and repeat offenders will be required to complete a more intense multi-session program intended to support behaviour change.
4. Point-to-point speed cameras will be able to operate on stretches of road with multiple speed limits. Current point-to-point camera systems are only suited to lengths of road where there is a single speed limit between two camera locations. This restricts the use of point-to-point camera systems on roads where there is a known crash risk and where multiple speed limits are displayed.
5. Passengers suspected of interfering with the operation of a vehicle dangerously will now be able to be tested for intoxicating substances.
6. The Bill also makes various non-road safety amendments to transport Acts to enable the State to include relevant costs and expenses incurred by third party ‘prescribed entities’ in marine pollution incident responses when the State commences action to recover costs and expenses; and making minor and technical amendments for clarity or to improve efficiencies and streamline processes.
7. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Transport Legislation (Road Safety and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*
* [Transport Legislation (Road Safety and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)