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It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

—o. 24 of 1983: Police Amendment Act, 1983.

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Act No. 24, 1983

POLICE AMENDMENT ACT, 1983

**GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

**ACT**

To amend the Police Act, 1958, so as to empower members of the South African Police to search vehicles on public roads; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

(English text signed by the State President.)  
(Assented to 22 March 1983.)

**BE IT ENACTED** by the State President and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Amendment of section 6 of Act 7 of 1958, as amended by section 4 of Act 64 of 1964, section 1 of Act 74 of 1965, section 3 of Act 34 of 1973, section 2 of Act 64 of 1979 and section 1 of Act 50 of 1980.

1. Section 6 of the Police Act, 1958, is hereby amended by the insertion after subsection (4) of the following subsection:

“(4A) (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 5

any law contained, but without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (4), any member of the Force may, in the performance of the functions referred to in section 5, search without warrant any vehicle on any public road in the Republic, or any receptacle of whatever nature in, on or attached to the vehicle, and seize any article referred to in section 20 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977), found in, on or attached to the vehicle or in the receptacle. 10

(b) For the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by paragraph (a), a member of the Force may by means of an appropriate indication or direction or in any other manner order the driver of a vehicle on a public road to bring that vehicle to a stop and may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, display, set up or erect on or next to the road such sign, barrier or object as is reasonably necessary to bring the order to the attention of the driver and to ensure that the vehicle will come to a stop. 15

(c) A person who refuses or neglects to stop a vehicle in accordance with an order under paragraph (b), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R500 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment. 20

(d) The provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977, with regard to the disposal of an article referred to in section 20 of that Act and seized under the provisions of that Act, shall *mutatis mutandis* apply in respect of an article seized under paragraph (a).” 25 30 35

Short title.

2. This Act shall be called the Police Amendment Act, 1983.