



Carpooling and Public Transport Accessibility Youth Act 2018

Youth Act No. 8 of 2018

A Youth Act to launch a Translink carpooling program, the purpose of which is to facilitate use of public transport as well as promote greater accessibility

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This Youth Act may be cited as the *Carpooling and Public Transport Accessibility Youth Act 2018*.

2 Commencement

This Youth Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3 Main purpose of Youth Act

- (1) The main purpose of this Youth Act is to—
- (a) launch a Translink branded carpooling program; and
 - (b) increase accessibility for public transport.

4 Definitions

In this Youth Act—

Algorithm means the program algorithm used on within the Translink phone application

Carpooling means the transportation arrangement between two or more passengers travelling in one vehicle, travelling to a similar or nearby destination.

Concession means:

- (a) children under 12; and
- (b) primary, secondary and tertiary students; and
- (c) a person who holds a valid seniors card; and
- (d) veterans; and
- (e) job seekers; and
- (f) asylum seekers.

Criminal history check means details of any previous convictions for criminal offences.

Driver means a person who drives a vehicle.

Electric vehicle means an alternative fuel automobile that uses electric motors and motor controllers for propulsion, in place of more common propulsion methods such as the internal combustion engine.

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Fleet means a number of vehicles operating together or under the same ownership.

Off-peak means:

- (a) weekdays from 8.30am to 3.30pm; and
- (b) weekdays 7pm-6am; and
- (c) weekends; and
- (d) public holidays.

Part 2 Establishment of ShareLink Trial and Logistics Committee

5 **Insertion of Establishment of the ShareLink Trial and Logistics Committee (STLC) into Transport Operations (TransLink Transit Authority) Act 2008**

After part 2, section 13—

Insert—

14 ShareLink Trial and Logistics Committee

- (1) The ShareLink Trial and Logistics Committee (STLC) is established.
- (2) The STLC will preside over all operations of ShareLink, including:
 - (a) trial logistics;
 - (b) pricing;
 - (c) fleet composition;
 - (d) carpooling functionality;
 - (e) algorithm functionality; and
 - (f) safety standards.
- (3) STLC, as a body within the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, shall report to the Department and the Minister for matters relating to these purposes.

6 **Insertion of STLC Membership into Transport Operations (TransLink Transit Authority) Act 2008**

After part 4, division 1, section 25—

Insert—

26 STLC Membership

- (1) An executive board shall be formed to preside over the STLC body and shall report directly to the Department of Transport and Main Roads Minister.
- (2) The STLC executive must contain the following representatives –
 - (a) The Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads, or an appointed delegate;
 - (b) TransLink representatives, with particular specialties in infrastructure planning, bus routes and train services;
 - (c) Relevant medical professionals, with the aim of supporting user experience;
 - (d) Delegates of stakeholder groups, with particular focus on those with limited accessibility, or those at high risk; and
 - (e) Media and communications officials.

Part 3 STLC Logistics

7 Insertion of STLC Trial Commencement and Duration into Transport Operations (TransLink Transit Authority) Act 2008

After part 3, division 1, section 14—

Insert—

14A STLC Trial Commencement and Duration

- (1) ShareLink is established
- (2) ShareLink will be trailed under specific parameters detailed under sections 10-
- (3) The ShareLink trial will run for 2 years

14AA Locations used in Program

- (1) ShareLink will be implemented in:
 - (a) Brisbane; and
 - (b) Gold Coast; and
 - (c) Sunshine Coast.
- (2) ShareLink will be trailed in:

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- (a) Cairns; and
- (b) Townsville; and
- (c) Mackay; and
- (d) Rockhampton.

8 Insertion of STLC Environmental Impact Reporting into Transport Operations (TransLink Transit Authority) Act 2008

After part 6, section 46—

Insert—

47 STLC Environmental Impact Report

- (1) During the trial period, the STLC will conduct an Environmental Impact Report on the environmental impact of the program, including information such as—
 - (a) carbon dioxide reductions; and
 - (b) fleet impact on wildlife; and
 - (c) fleet impact on plant-life; and
 - (d) appropriate fleet recycling methods once decommissioned; and
 - (e) effect of vehicle fluids.
- (2) This Environmental Impact Report will be published and made publicly available 6 months after the end of the trial period.

Part 4 STLC Accessibility

9 Insertion of STLC Accessibility into Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994

After part 2, section 78—

Insert—

79 STLC Ride summoning

- (1) A ShareLink vehicle may be ordered for a trip either through—
 - (a) the Translink app; or
 - (b) the Translink phone number.

80 Carpooling

- (1) The carpooling feature will be run via the TransLink app; and
- (2) will pick up nearby passengers travelling on the same route; and
- (3) Carpooling will only occur during off-peak hours.

81 Pricing

- (1) Pricing for ShareLink trips will be based upon the standard rate per zone travelled, as stipulated by the SEQ Fare Review Taskforce.
- (2) Pricing for regular passengers will be:
 - (a) 1.5 times the price per zone travelled during on-peak; and
 - (b) 2 times the price per zone travelled during off-peak.
- (3) Pricing for concession passengers will be:
 - (a) 1.25 times the price per zone travelled during on-peak; and
 - (b) 1.5 times price per zone travelled during off-peak.

82 Woman drivers

- (1) Women drivers may be requested if the passenger requesting the driver is:
 - (a) a woman; or
 - (b) a boy under the age of 12; or
 - (c) a male under the age of 18 accompanied by a female guardian; or
 - (d) a man travelling with a female partner and a child requiring a booster seat.
- (2) The request for a woman driver is made optional through the settings of the Translink app.

83 Disability friendly cars

- (1) Disability friendly vehicles will be available for:
 - (a) individuals requiring a wheelchair; and
 - (b) individuals with other disabilities, including:

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- (i) intellectual disabilities; and
 - (ii) other physical disabilities.
- (2) Disability friendly vehicles can be requested using the TransLink app.

Part 5 **STLC Fleet Composition and Safety Requirements**

10 **Insertion of STLC Fleet Composition and Safety Requirements into Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994**

After part 3, chapter 3, part 1, section 22B—

Insert—

22C STLC Driver Safety Requirements

- (1) In order for a person to be eligible as a driver, they must:
- (a) possess a booked hire/taxi (BHTX) driver authorisation (DA); and
 - (b) undergo a driver safety check based upon standards and procedures set by TransLink.
 - (c) Adhere to all provisions set out in part 3 of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*

11 **Insertion of STLC Fleet Vehicle Safety Requirements and STLC Vehicles Technology into Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994**

After part 3, section 85—

Insert—

84 STLC Fleet Vehicle Safety Requirement

- (1) Each vehicle in the fleet will be required to have:
- (a) relevant insurance as prescribed by Translink; and
 - (b) vehicle maintenance as prescribed by Translink; and
 - (c) video and audio surveillance devices including—
 - (i) a driver facing camera; and
 - (ii) a passenger facing camera; and
 - (iii) audio capturing devices for both the driver and passenger sides of the vehicle.

85 STLC Vehicles Technology

- (1) The fleet will be composed entirely of electric vehicles.
- (2) In accordance with section 14 of the Act, 10% of the ShareLink fleet will consist of vehicles accessible to those with disabilities, including vehicles with modifications including:
 - (a) wheelchair ramps; and
 - (b) wheelchair lifts; and
 - (c) appropriate seatbelts; and
 - (d) side bars and handles.
- (3) Each vehicle will be fitted with a Translink go card reader for tap on, tap off payments.