I assent.

(L.S.)

ANTON BUTTIGIEG
President

10th October, 1980

ACT No. XXVIII of 1980

AN ACT to amend the Public Transport (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1970.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Transport (Regulation of Employment) (Amendment) Act, 1980, and shall be read and construed as one wth the Public Transport (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1970, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(2) The provisions of this Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister responsible for labour may by notice in the Gazette appoint.

Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

2. Section 3 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (2) thereof, for the words "The Chairman shall be a person who holds or has held the office of Magistrate of Judicial Police" there shall be substituted the words "The Chairman shall be a person who does not represent the interests of either the employers or the employees";

(b) immediately after subsection (2) thereof, there shall be inserted the following new subsection:

"(2A) Before entering upon the duties of their appointment, the Chairman, if he does not hold judicial office, and the other members of the Board shall take an oath to examine and decide all applications and appeals with equity and impartiality and in accordance with this Act. Where the Chairman holds judicial office the oath shall be administered by him to the other members; in other cases the oath shall be taken before the Attorney General.";

(c) for subsection (8) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"(8) All decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of votes of all members.";

(d) for subsection (11) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"(11) The Board shall have the power to summon witnesses and to administer the oath, and such summons shall be issued, made and served by such person and in such manner and form as the Board may deem appropriate."; and

(e) in subsection (13) thereof, the words "and of the Chairman" shall be deleted.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 421 of the 7th October, 1980.

C. AGIUS
Speaker

C. MIFSUD
Clerk to the House of Representatives

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