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**VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC AMENDMENT (HEAVY  
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# **VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC AMENDMENT (HEAVY VEHICLE CHARGES) BILL 2012**

*(Brought in by the Minister for Infrastructure, the Honourable  
David James O'Byrne)*

## **A BILL FOR**

**An Act to amend the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999*, to  
validate certain heavy vehicle charges collected under that  
Act and for related purposes**

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by  
and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and  
House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

### **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Vehicle and Traffic  
Amendment (Heavy Vehicle Charges) Act 2012*.

### **2. Commencement**

- (1) Except as provided in this section, this Act  
commences on the day on which this Act  
receives the Royal Assent.
- (2) Section 4 commences on a day to be proclaimed.

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**3. Principal Act**

In this Act, the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999*\* is referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Schedule 2 amended (Rates of Motor Tax for Heavy Vehicles)**

Schedule 2 to the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) by inserting the following definition after the definition of *axle group* in clause 1(1):

***B-double combination*** means a combination consisting of a prime mover towing 2 semi-trailers;

- (b) by omitting the definition of *tax table* from clause 1(1);
- (c) by omitting clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5 and substituting the following clauses:

**2. Heavy vehicle tax for 2012/13**

For the period from the day on which section 4 of the *Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Heavy Vehicle Charges) Act 2012* commences to 30 June 2013, both days inclusive, the amount of tax payable for a heavy vehicle of a

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type specified in column 2 of the following table is the amount correspondingly specified in column 3 of the following table:

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Type of heavy vehicle	Column 3 Tax payable (\$)
	<b><i>Trucks</i></b>	
1.	A 2 axle truck with a GVM not exceeding 12 tonnes	542
2.	A 2 axle truck with a GVM exceeding 12 tonnes	859
3.	A 2 axle truck nominated for use in a combination having a trailer with a laden mass exceeding 4.5 tonnes and a mass entitlement not exceeding 42.5 tonnes	859
4.	A 2 axle truck nominated for use in a combination having one trailer and more than 6 axles or a mass entitlement exceeding 42.5 tonnes	6 783
5.	A 3 axle truck with a GVM not exceeding 16.5 tonnes	859
6.	A 3 axle truck with a GVM exceeding 16.5 tonnes	1 021
7.	A 3 axle truck nominated for use in a combination having a trailer with a laden mass exceeding 4.5 tonnes and a mass entitlement not exceeding 42.5 tonnes	1 021
8.	A 3 axle truck nominated for use in a combination having one trailer and more than 6 axles or a mass entitlement exceeding 42.5 tonnes	6 783
9.	A truck with 4 or more axles and a GVM not exceeding 20 tonnes	759
10.	A truck with 4 or more axles and a GVM exceeding 20 tonnes	1 021

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Type of heavy vehicle	Tax payable (\$)
11.	A truck with 4 or more axles and nominated for use in a combination having a trailer with a laden mass exceeding 4.5 tonnes and a mass entitlement not exceeding 42.5 tonnes	1 854
12.	A truck with 4 or more axles and nominated for use in a combination having one trailer and more than 6 axles or a mass entitlement exceeding 42.5 tonnes	7 326
	<i><b>Prime Movers</b></i>	
1.	A prime mover with 2 axles	1 164
2.	A prime mover with 3 axles	4 744
3.	A prime mover with 4 or more axles	5 030
4.	A prime mover with 2 axles and nominated for use in a combination having 2 semi-trailers	9 457
5.	A prime mover with 3 axles and nominated for use in a combination having 2 semi-trailers	9 457
6.	A prime mover with 4 or more axles and nominated for use in a combination having 2 semi-trailers	10 402
	<i><b>Buses</b></i>	
1.	A 2 axle rigid bus with a GVM not exceeding 12 tonnes	488
2.	A 2 axle rigid bus with a GVM exceeding 12 tonnes	488
3.	A rigid bus with 3 or more axles	2 429
4.	An articulated bus	488

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Type of heavy vehicle</b>	<b>Tax payable (\$)</b>
	<b><i>Trailers</i></b>	
1.	A goods-carrying trailer with a GVM exceeding 4.5 tonnes but less than 9 tonnes	192
2.	A single or tandem axle semi-trailer (excluding a converter dolly) with a GVM of 9 tonnes or more	550 (per axle)
3.	A tri-axle or quad-axle semi-trailer (excluding a converter dolly) with a GVM of 9 tonnes or more	550 (per axle)
4.	A pig trailer with a GVM of 9 tonnes or more	550 (per axle)
5.	A dog trailer with a GVM of 9 tonnes or more	550 (per axle)
6.	A converter dolly with a GVM of 9 tonnes or more	550 (per axle)
7.	B-double lead trailer – single axle	550 (per axle)
8.	B-double lead trailer – tandem axle	1 050 (per axle)
9.	B-double lead trailer – tri-axle and quad-axle	1 100 (per axle)
	<b><i>Special-purpose vehicles</i></b>	
1.	A special-purpose vehicle (type p), being a special-purpose vehicle built, or permanently modified, primarily for –  (a) off-road use; or  (b) use on public streets that are under construction or repair	Nil

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Column 1 Item	Column 2 Type of heavy vehicle	Column 3 Tax payable (\$)
2.	A special-purpose vehicle (type t), being a special-purpose vehicle (other than one referred to in item 1) that –  <div style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) has been built, or permanently modified, for use on public streets; and</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) has no axle group loaded in excess of the mass limits prescribed under this Act</div>	292
3.	A special-purpose vehicle (type o), being a special-purpose vehicle (other than one referred to in item 1) that –  <div style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) has been built, or permanently modified, primarily for use on public streets; and</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) has at least one axle or axle group loaded in excess of the mass limits prescribed under this Act</div>	365 + (365 x number of axles in excess of 2)

**3. Heavy vehicle tax for 2013/14 and beyond**

(1) In this clause –

*previous tax*, for a heavy vehicle in respect of a financial year, means the amount of tax payable for the heavy vehicle under this Schedule for registration for the full term of the immediately



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preceding financial year  
(regardless of whether  
that amount was actually  
or fully paid);

***subsequent financial year***  
means a financial year  
following the financial  
year ending on  
30 June 2013.

- (2) For a subsequent financial year,  
the amount of tax payable for a  
heavy vehicle is to be calculated  
by –
- (a) multiplying the annual  
adjustment factor for that  
subsequent financial year  
by the previous tax; and
  - (b) adding the result to or, if  
the percentage is negative,  
subtracting the amount  
from the previous tax; and
  - (c) rounding the result up or  
down to the nearest dollar  
(rounding an amount of  
50 cents upwards).

**5. Annual adjustment figures**

- (1) In this section –

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*subsisting Schedule 2* means Schedule 2 to the Principal Act as in force when this section commences.

- (2) For the purposes of clause 3(2)(a) of subsisting Schedule 2, the annual adjustment factor for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2009 is, and is taken to have always been, 3.2%.
- (3) For the purposes of clause 5(2)(a) of subsisting Schedule 2, the annual adjustment factor for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2011 is, and is taken to have always been, 2.4%.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, any taxes collected or purportedly collected by the Crown under subsisting Schedule 2 are taken to have been validly collected.