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ROAD SAFETY WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

Two important pieces of legislation will be in parliament this week as the Government continues the implementation of its road safety reforms.

Transport Minister, Delia Lawrie, said both pieces of legislation are important steps towards reducing the trauma on our roads.

The first piece of legislation that will be debated includes tough new rules for repeat drink drivers and young drivers on their L or P plates.

People who get caught drink driving over .05 twice or more within a three year period will lose their licence.

The legislation also sees the introduction of the Government's new Graduated Driver Licensing system for L and P plate drivers.

"Our Graduated Driver Licensing system ensures young drivers are better prepared for the road to help protect them and other road users," said Ms Lawrie.

The other Bill which is being introduced is the legislation that enables demerit points to become operational in the Territory from 1 September this year.

"Demerit points target the hoons on our roads who continue to break the law and put everyone on the road at risk," said Ms Lawrie.

"The road safety taskforce report highlighted cases in the Territory where individual drivers have been fined up to 47 times within three years - once every three weeks.

"It's at this kind of driver, for whom fines have proved no deterrent, that demerit points are targeted."

The Minister said in jurisdictions that have had demerit points in place for many years less than half a percent of motorists have lost their licence due to demerit points. This is expected to be less in the Territory where far fewer offences will attract demerit points.

"Our demerit points system will directly target the major causes of our road toll – drink driving, running red lights, not wearing a seat belt and speeding." said Ms Lawrie.

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