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<b>MANUAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE LAW</b> Segal Release No. 1, February 2026
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This resource provides detailed annotations for the Ontario *Highway Traffic Act* as well as related provincial and federal statutes, and features a convenient words and phrases section of related judicially defined terms.

### What's New in this Update:

This release adds new or updated case annotations to Chapter 1 (Introductory), Chapter 2 (Interpretation), Chapter 7 (Part IV—Licences Driver, Driving Instructor), Chapter 12 (Part IX—Rate of Speed), Chapter 13 (Part X—Rules of the Road), Chapter 39 (Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2002) and Appendix B (Defences to Actionable Negligence).

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## Highlights

Updates to the commentary introduces discussion of recent case law, including the following:

- **Part IV: Licences Driver, Driving Instructor—Offences**—The Court of Appeal for Ontario upheld the order allowing the accused an extension of time to appeal his convictions and sentence for dangerous driving—although he had pled guilty to this and two other charges, the appellate court accepted the motions judge had been satisfied that the accused, at the time of his plea, had been unaware of the consequence of a lifetime driving suspension pursuant to s. 41(1) of the *Highway Traffic Act*: *R. v. Cole*, 2025 ONCA 535, 2025 CarswellOnt 11615 (Ont. C.A.).
- **Part IX: Rate of Speed—Section 130: Careless Driving**—The accused drove a tractor-trailer at 100 kph before realizing the vehicles ahead of him had stopped. Although he managed to reduce his speed to 77 kph and needed to swerve, a collision could not be avoided, and two persons died while two others were injured. The parties suggested a \$4,000 fine after a guilty plea to careless driving causing death, but the court imposed a sentence of 50 days, followed by 18 months of probation and a three-year driving suspension: *R. v. Buttar*, 2024 ONCJ 727, 2024 CarswellOnt 21918 (Ont. C.J.).