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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 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 18 (Part XII—Municipal By-Laws), Chapter 20 (Part XIV—Records and Reporting of Accidents and Convictions), Chapter 24 (Part XV—Procedure, Arrests and Penalties), Chapter 26 (Regulations to Highway Traffic Act), Chapter 29 (Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act).

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Highlights

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

- **Procedure, Arrests and Penalties—Police Power to Stop—**

The Territorial Court of Yukon held the police to have been authorized to conduct a random stop of the accused's vehicle on a private driveway after having distinguished the legislative provisions that regulate driving in the Yukon from those of Ontario – whereas, in Ontario, a random stop must be conducted on a highway, there is no such condition restricting where random stops in the Yukon may be made: *R. v. Jules*, 2024 YKTC 9, 2024 CarswellYukon 121 (Yuk. Terr. Ct.).

- **Related Legislation—Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act—Action against All Proper Persons—**

The British Columbia Court of Appeal held the trial judge to have erred in dismissing the case on the basis of the appellants not taking all reasonable steps to identify the driver of a stolen pickup truck after he or she had fled the site of the collision. The appellants had relied exclusively on the police investigation, which, though unsuccessful, had been thoroughly conducted, which led the appellate court to find that nothing more could likely have been done to find the unknown driver: *Fearon v Insurance Corporation of British Columbia*, 2026 BCCA 81, 2026 CarswellBC 593 (B.C. C.A.).