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Wee: Transport drivers, delivery riders must contribute to Socso scheme

It will be mandatory for p-hailing riders and self-employed transportation providers to register for the Self Employment Social Security Scheme (SKSPS), says Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong.

He said the registration for the scheme under the Social Security Organisation (Socso) would be a prerequisite for vocational licence application for ehailing, taxi, bus and p-hailing drivers and riders.

The contribution under the scheme could amount to RM157 a year or RM13.10 per month.

"After this, we will impose a condition that the applicant must contribute (to the scheme) in order to obtain the vocational licence.



Nominal sum: The contribution under the scheme could amount to RM157 a year or RM13.10 per month, says Dr Wee.

gestion, said for a start, the government would pay about 80% while riders would have to bear the remaining 20% of the contribution.

"This is what we are doing and we are committed in ensuring that there is a social safety net to protect them if there is an accident," he added.

In a related note, Dr Wee noted that the Road Transport Department (JPJ) had the power to conduct driving lessons and to issue vocational licences.

"However, if this is to be conducted by JPJ, it will require a lot of resources and high cost of infrastructure and operations," he said.

Hence, he said, driving institutes had been given permission to conduct driving lessons for vocational

wide which were offering vocational driving lessons.

The Bill was passed after it was tabled for the second and third readings in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

The amendment Bill, which had 13 clauses, also sought to reduce the minimum age for p-hailing vocational licence for motorcycle users to 18 years old from the current 21 through amendments to Section 57 of the Act.

A vocational licence is mandatory for those wanting to work as a rider or driver for public transportation and goods delivery.

In addition to that, the amendment Bills for the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board and Land Public Transport were also passed