Legislation to change the Northern Territory’s Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) industry will be introduced to Parliament this week.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Kon Vatskalis today informed the Legislative Assembly of the Government’s intention to introduce the first piece of what will be extensive amendments to the industry over coming months.

"Following a lengthy review period, this is the first step towards much needed change in the Northern Territory’s Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) industry," said Mr Vatskalis.

"The end result will be a more sustainable and efficient industry, with improved training and operating standards for drivers."

To allow the Bill to be adequately considered and debated by the Parliament, legislative amendments will not be debated and passed until the end of February 2003.

"This will mean the cap on numbers placed over the industry will now be extended until March 2003," said Mr Vatskalis.

"This will be the final extension to this interim arrangement."

to the top