

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295*.

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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2009*. Short title.

Amendment
of section 6
of Cap. 295.

2. Section 6 of the *Road Traffic Act*, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:

"(1) Any importer, dealer or repairer of mechanically propelled vehicles may, on application to the Licensing Authority, obtain

(a) a limited trade licence; and

(b) limited trade licence plates

upon payment of such fee as the Minister of Finance, by order, prescribes."

Insertion of
section 5A
in Cap. 295.

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 5 the following section:

"Registra-
tion of
bicycles.

5A. (1) No person shall use or keep a bicycle for use on a road unless it is registered under this section.

(2) An owner of a bicycle is, on application to the Licensing Authority in such form as the Licensing Authority approves and on payment to the Licensing Authority of such fee as the Minister of Finance by order prescribes, entitled to have that bicycle registered in the parish in which it is usually kept.

(3) A person must, upon making an application for registration of a bicycle, furnish the Licensing Authority with his name and address and such other information as the Licensing Authority may require, and the Licensing Authority shall enter those particulars in a register kept by it for the purpose.

(4) The Licensing Authority shall, upon receiving the fee referred to in subsection (2), assign to the owner of the bicycle, for his use, a special number, to be known as the registration number and this number shall be placed on a number plate which shall be affixed in a conspicuous manner on the rear of the bicycle."

4. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by

Amendment
of section 15
of Cap. 295.

- (a) renumbering section 15 as subsection (1) thereof; and
- (b) inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (1):

"(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where the owner of a motor vehicle informs the Licensing Authority in writing that

- (a) his motor vehicle was not used, kept for use or allowed to be kept for use for a period of not less than 3 months; and
- (b) he is desirous of using the motor vehicle at a future date,

the Licensing Authority shall send a transport inspector to investigate the condition of the motor vehicle.

(3) Where the Licensing Authority sends a transport inspector to do an investigation pursuant to subsection (2), the owner of the motor vehicle shall pay to the Licensing Authority prior to the investigation, such fee for the investigation as the Minister of Finance by order prescribes."

Repeal of sections 15A and 15B of Cap. 295.

5. Sections 15A and 15B of the principal Act are repealed.

Amendment of section 28 of Cap. 295.

6. Section 28 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1), by deleting the word "tonnes" wherever it appears and substituting the word "kilograms".

Amendment of section 51B of Cap. 295.

7. The principal Act is amended by deleting section 51B and substituting the following:

"Certificate of road worthiness.

51B. (1) Where the owner of a motor vehicle is required to obtain a certificate of road worthiness before the motor vehicle can be registered in accordance with section 5 of the Act, the owner shall

(a) have the motor vehicle examined in accordance with section 3(1); and

(b) pay such fee as the Minister of Finance by order prescribes.

(2) No motor vehicle that has been accepted by an insurer as a total loss may be licenced by the Licensing Authority unless a certificate of road worthiness is issued in respect of that vehicle by a person approved by the Chief Technical Officer."

8. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 62 the following new section:

Insertion of
new section
62A in Cap.
295.

"Regulation
test. **62A.** (1) A person who desires to obtain a learner's permit as described in section 63 shall

(a) take a regulation test set by the Licensing Authority; and

(b) pay to the Licensing Authority such fee as the Minister of Finance by order prescribes, in respect of the regulation test.

(2) A person is required to pass the regulation test before the Licensing Authority issues him with a learner's permit.

(3) The regulation test referred to in subsections (1) and (2) shall cover knowledge of

Cap. 295. (a) the *Road Traffic Act*;

S. I. 1981 (b) the *Road Traffic Regulations, 1981*; and

No. 141.

(c) the Highway Code."

9. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 103 the following new section:

Insertion of
section 104
in Cap. 295.

"Fee for
tariff card. **104.** Every owner of a hackney carriage, taxi or maxi-taxi shall renew the notice referred to in regulation 77 of the *Road Traffic Regulations, 1981* on payment of such fee as the Minister of Finance prescribes."

S. I. 1981
No. 141.