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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295 to make better provision for the prescribing of fixed penalties for certain offences.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 79 of Cap. 295
3. Amendment of section 121 of Cap. 295
4. Repeal and replacement of section 122 of Cap. 295

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295 to make better provision for the prescribing of fixed penalties for certain offences.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Road Traffic (Amendment) (No.) Act, 2025*.

Amendment of section 79 of Cap. 295

2. *Section 79 of the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended*

- (a) *by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

“(1) Where a person

- (a) pays a fixed penalty in respect of an offence listed in an order made by the Minister under section 121; or

- (b) is convicted in respect of an offence listed in such an order,

the Licensing Authority shall record in respect of the person the number of demerit points set out in the order in respect of the offence.”;

- (b) *in subsection (7), by deleting the word “him” and substituting the word “it”; and*

- (c) *in subsection (9), by deleting the word “he” and substituting the word “it”.*

Amendment of section 121 of Cap. 295

3. *Section 121 of the principal Act is amended by*

- (a) *deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

“(1) The Minister may prescribe by order subject to negative resolution the offence to which this section applies, being an offence committed in respect of a vehicle and made punishable, under any

enactment, on summary conviction and the amount to be paid as a fixed penalty in respect of the offence.”; and

(b) *deleting subsections (2), (10), (10A) and (10B).*

Repeal and replacement of section 122 of Cap. 295

4. *Section 122 of the principal Act is deleted and the following substituted:*

“Special regulations

122. The Minister may by regulations, subject to negative resolution, make provision respecting any matter incidental to the operation of section 121 and in particular for prescribing

- (a) the form of notice given pursuant to subsection (3) of that section; and
- (b) the information to be supplied by the person on whom the penalty is imposed to the clerk of the magistrate’s court.”.