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### **OBJECTS AND REASONS**

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

- (a) for the age of 18 years to be the minimum age at which a driving licence is to be issued to drive a contract carriage, heavy goods vehicle, hired car, motor tractor or self-driven car;
- (b) for the age of 25 years to be the minimum age at which a driving licence is to be issued to drive a motor omnibus or public service vehicle; and
- (c) for related matters.

*Arrangement of Sections*

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 295
3. Amendment of section 69 of Cap. 295

## **BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

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

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

### **Short title**

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Road Traffic (Amendment)(No. ) Act, 2022*.

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

- (a) *by inserting the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order:*

“contract carriage” means a motor vehicle kept for hire or reward under a contract where

- (a) that motor vehicle is used for the conveyance of not more than 6 persons;
- (b) payment for the use of that motor vehicle is at or for a fixed rate or amount; and
- (c) that motor vehicle does not stand or ply for hire on any road or place in public view or to which the public have access;

“hired car” means a motor vehicle kept for hire or reward under a contract where

- (a) that motor vehicle is used for the conveyance of not more than 6 persons;
- (b) payment for the use of that motor vehicle is at or for a fixed rate or amount; and
- (c) that motor vehicle does not stand or ply for hire on any road or place in public view or to which the public have access;

“self-driven car” means a motor vehicle kept for hire or reward under a contract where

- (a) that motor vehicle is used for the conveyance of not more than 6 persons;

- (b) payment for the use of that motor vehicle is at or for a fixed rate or amount; and
- (c) that motor vehicle does not stand or ply for hire on any road or place in public view or to which the public have access;”; and

(b) *by deleting the definition “contract carriage”, “hired car”, “self-driven car”.*

**Amendment of section 69 of Cap. 295**

**3.** *Section 69 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

**“Restrictions on issue of driving licence for certain vehicles**

**69.(1)** Subject to section 62, a driving licence shall not be issued or endorsed as valid to an applicant who

- (a) is under the age of 18 years for the purpose of driving
  - (i) a contract carriage;
  - (ii) a heavy goods vehicle;
  - (iii) a hired car;
  - (iv) a motor tractor; or
  - (v) a self-driven car; or
- (b) is under the age of 25 years for the purpose of driving
  - (i) a motor omnibus; or
  - (ii) a public service vehicle. ”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**Speaker**

Read three times and passed the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**President**