

BILL NO. 34 OF 1969.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 1969.

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD  
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

A.D. 1969 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title  
and com-  
mencement  
Cap. 280.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1969, and shall be construed and read as one with the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and all amendments thereto.

(2) This Act shall come into operation with respect to and from the year commencing 1st January, 1970 and shall not remain in force after the expiration of the 15th February, 1970 unless, before the expiration of the last-mentioned date, the National Assembly resolves that this Act or any provision thereof shall continue in force.

Amendment  
of section  
17 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

2. The proviso to subsection (2) of section 17 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following proviso substituted therefor—

“Provided that a licence may be taken out in respect of any motor vehicle for one half of a year only beginning on the 1st January or the 1st July, and in the case of any licence so taken out the fee shall be fifty per centum of the full annual fee.”

Repeal of  
section 18  
of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

3. Section 18 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Amendment  
of section  
23 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

4. Subsection (3) of section 23 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word “half” for the word “quarter”.

Amendment  
of section  
29 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

5. Subsection (3) of section 29 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of all the words appearing after the word “force” and by the substitution therefor of the words “until the 31st December of the year in which it is granted”.

Amendment  
of section  
84 of the  
Principal  
Ordinance.

6. Section 84 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects—

- (a) by the repeal of subsection (5); and
- (b) by the renumbering of sections (6), (7) and (8) as subsections (5), (6) and (7), respectively.

7. Section 85 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects—

- (a) by the repeal of subsection (2) and (3); and
- (b) by the renumbering of subsection (1) as section 85.

Amendment of section 85 of the Principal Ordinance.

8. Section 86 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor—

Repeal and re-enactment of section 86 of the Principal Ordinance.

"Procedure on applications for licences.

86. A person applying for a goods transportation licence shall submit to the Prescribed Authority a statement in the prescribed form—

- (a) containing, in respect of motor vehicles proposed to be used under the licence which belong to the applicant or are in his possession under a hire-purchase agreement or which, if the application is granted, he intends to acquire or to obtain possession of under such an agreement, such particulars as may be prescribed, so, however, that the particulars shall not require vehicles subject to hire-purchase agreements to be distinguished from vehicles belonging to the applicant, and
- (b) setting out the number and type of hired motor vehicles and trailers proposed to be so used."

9. Subsection (1) of section 87 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of the words appearing after the word "licence".

Amendment of section 87 of the Principal Ordinance.

10. Section 88 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects—

Amendment of section 88 of the Principal Ordinance.

- (a) by the repeal of subsection (2); and
- (b) by the renumbering of subsection (1) as section 88.

11. Section 89 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of paragraph (d) and the renumbering of paragraphs (e) and (f) as paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively.

Amendment of section 89 of the Principal Ordinance.

12. Sections 92 and 95 of the Principal Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Repeal of sections 92 and 95 of the Principal Ordinance.

13. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended—

- (a) by the substitution for paragraphs (d) and (e) of item 5 of Part A of the first schedule thereto, of the provisions of the first schedule to this Act; and
- (b) by the substitution for Part B of the first schedule thereto, of the provision of the second schedule to this Act.

Amendment of the Principal Ordinance. First Schedule. Second Schedule.

14. Nothing in this Act shall affect the period of subsistence of any licence remaining unexpired immediately before the commencement of this Act, but every such licence shall be construed with such modifications and adaptations as are necessary to bring it into conformity with the provisions of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Act.

Saving.

Provided that any such licence which is expressed to remain in force for a definite period shall not remain in force after the expiration of that period.

s.13 FIRST SCHEDULE

(d) exceeding 4,480 pounds but not exceeding 8,960 pounds unladen weight	\$300.00
(e) exceeding 8,960 pounds but not exceeding 13,440 pounds unladen weight	600.00
(f) exceeding 13,440 pounds unladen weight	700.00

Provided that for an articulated vehicle\* the unladen weight of which exceeds 11,200 pounds the rate shall be \$900.00."

s.13 SECOND SCHEDULE

"B—Other Fees.

Section 5. For registration--	
of motor cycle . . . . .	\$ 5.00
of other motor vehicles	10.00
of trailer	.50
For copy of entry in motor vehicles register	The respective fee for registration and an additional sum of \$5.00
Section 9. For transfer of registration	
of motor cycle . . . . .	\$ 5.00
of other motor vehicles	10.00
of trailer	.50
Section 14. For certificate of fitness	
for examination of two-wheeled motor cycle . . . . .	5.00
for examination of motor car or three-wheeled motor cycle	10.00
for examination of motor lorry or motor bus . . . . .	15.00
for examination of hire car	2.00
for examination of articulated vehicle*	20.00
for examination of other motor vehicle or trailer	1.00
Section 22. For dealer's general licence	1,000.00
For each dealer's general identification mark . . . . .	1.00
Section 26. For learner's provisional licence	5.00
Section 27. For driver's test of competence	10.00
Section 29. For driver's licence . . . . .	5.00
Section 76. For conductor's licence . . . . .	1.00
Section 79. For licence to drive a hire car (for any period not exceeding seven days)	5.00
Section 79. For the issue of an identification mark for a hire car being used in the manner contemplated by section 79(1)	5.00
This fee shall be refunded upon the return of the identification mark to the licensing officer.	
Section 105. For duplicate licence or certificate	the fee for the original licence or certificate and an additional sum of \$5.00

For the purposes of this schedule—

\*"articulated vehicle" means any motor vehicle with a trailer drawn thereby which is so constructed and by partial super-imposition attached to the motor vehicle that a substantial part of the weight of the trailer is borne by the motor vehicle."

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The licensing and law enforcement authorities have encountered difficulties arising from the issue under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance of motor vehicle licences for periods of less than a year. Clause 2 of this Bill seeks to alleviate these difficulties by providing that as from the year 1970 licences shall no longer be issued for a quarter year. Further administrative problems have arisen from administering rebates in relation to unexpired vehicle licences. This will no longer be possible as from the year 1970. Clause 3 seeks to repeal section 18 of the Principal Ordinance for the purpose.

The provisions of the Ordinance make a distinction between goods transportation licences for goods vehicles used for hire or reward and those used for or in connection with any trade or business. These provisions also restrict the operation of such vehicles to specific areas. However, with the introduction of a scale of licensing fees for goods vehicles varying only according to their unladen weight it is unnecessary to continue such restriction and distinction. Clauses 6 to 11 of this Bill seek to amend the Ordinance to provide accordingly.

Clause 2, 3, 4 and 5 also seek to implement proposals in the matters mentioned in the schedules to the Bill for the purpose of implementing the Budget proposals for 1970 with effect from 1st January, 1970.

Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5 also seek to implement proposals in the Budget for 1970 with effect from 1st January, 1970. The Bill, however, when enacted will be of limited duration unless its continuance in force is approved by resolution of the National Assembly.

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