



**GUYANA**

**BILL No. 5 of 1985**

**MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

1. **Short title.**
2. **Amendment of the Principal Act.**
3. **Amendment of First Schedule to the Principal Act.**

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

A.L. 1985 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title.  
Cap. 51:02

1. This Act, which amends the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 1985.

Amendment  
of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion after section 79 of the following sections as section 79A and 79B —

“Require-  
ment of  
sticker for  
hire cars  
and motor  
buses.

79A.(1) No person shall drive or operate a hire car or motor bus on a road unless there is in force a sticker issued by the Prescribed Authority in respect of that hire car or motor bus.

Cap. 51:03

(2) An application for the issue of a sticker for a motor bus or a hire car shall be made to the Prescribed Authority and shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration, the certificate of fitness and the certificate of insurance under the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act relating to the motor bus or hire car, the fee specified in the First Schedule and such other particulars as the Prescribed Authority may require.

(3) A sticker issued under this section shall remain in force for such period and shall be in such form and contain such particulars, including the commencement and termination dates of the period as may be prescribed.

(4) A sticker issued under this section shall be affixed to the inner surface of the front glass windscreen of the motor bus or hire car facing forwards on the near upper corner of the glass of such windscreen so as to be clearly visible from in front at all times by daylight whether such hire car or motor bus be in motion or stationary.

(5) Nothing in this section shall apply to motor buses the property of or used by any body corporate in which the controlling interest is vested in the State

or in any agency on behalf of the State, or any public corporation or body corporate over which the Guyana State Corporation exercises powers of supervision and control.

79B. Any person who —

- (a) drives or operates a hire car or motor bus without there being in force a sticker in respect of that hire car or motor bus as required by section 79A(1); or
- (b) drives a hire car or motor bus without having a sticker affixed to it as required by section 79A(4); or
- (c) fraudulently imitates, alters, mutilates, destroys or uses or fraudulently lends or allows to be used by any other person any such sticker,

shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine of three hundred dollars.”.

3. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor —

Amendment  
of First  
Schedule  
to the  
Principal  
Act.

**“FIRST SCHEDULE**

**A**

**LICENCE FEES IN RESPECT OF VEHICLES**

**Vehicles solely for private use in carrying persons or for broadcasting purposes**

	\$	c.
1. For each motor cycle :—		
(a) having 2 wheels and not exceeding 200 pounds		75.00
(b) having 2 wheels and exceeding 200 pounds		115.00
(c) having 3 wheels		150.00
For each motor vehicle other than a motor cycle :—		

	\$	c.
(a) not exceeding 2240 pounds	200.00	
(b) exceeding 2240 pounds and not exceeding 3,000 pounds	240.00	
(c) exceeding 3,000 pounds and not exceeding 4,000 pounds	375.00	
(d) exceeding 4,000 pounds and not exceeding 5,000 pounds	525.00	
(e) exceeding 5,000 pounds ...	900.00	
Passenger vehicle for hire or reward		
3 For each hire cars :—		
(a) not exceeding 2240 pounds	200.00	
(b) exceeding 2240 pounds and not exceeding 3,000 pounds	240.00	
(c) exceeding 3,000 pounds ...	300.00	
4. (a) For each motor bus used solely in Georgetown or New Amsterdam and seating :—		
(i) not more than 14 passengers	225.00	
(ii) more than 14 passengers	360.00	
(b) For each motor bus used elsewhere and seating :—		
(i) not more than 14 passengers	360.00	
(ii) more than 14 passengers	900.00	

#### GOODS VEHICLES

5. For each goods vehicle :—		
(a) not exceeding 1120 pounds unladen weight ...	225.00	
(b) exceeding 1120 pounds but not exceeding 2240 pounds unladen weight ...	450.00	
(c) exceeding 2240 pounds but not exceeding 4480 pounds unladen weight ...	900.00	
(d) exceeding 4,480 pounds but not exceeding 8,960 pounds unladen weight ...	1,125.00	
(e) exceeding 8,960 pounds but not exceeding 13,440 pounds unladen weight ...	2,250.00	

	\$	c.
(f) exceeding 13,440 pounds unladen weight ...	2,700.00	
Provided that :—		
(i) for a motor lorry exceeding four tons, but not exceeding six tons payload+, the licence fee shall be ...	2,250.00	
(ii) for a motor lorry exceeding six tons payload+, the licence fee shall be	2,700.00	
(iii) for a articulated vehicle* the unladen weight of which exceeds 11,200 pounds the licence fee shall be	3,000.00	

#### OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES

(a) For any agricultural motor tractor and trailer which are used for the sole purpose of carrying agricultural machinery, appliances and produce or any of them to or from, or to and from, any cultivated plantation, lot or farm within a radius of 6 miles thereof but not in Georgetown or New Amsterdam ...	450.00
(b) For any agricultural motor tractor used alone for the said purpose	75.00
7. For each motor hearse	150.00
8. For each motor vehicle used solely for the servicing of equipment or machinery	375.00
9. For each mechanically propelled crane, hoist, compressor, bulldozer or similar vehicle used in connection with construction, which is not in itself designed or constructed to carry any load other than loose tools and equipment	150.00
10 (a) For each trailer used in connection with a motor car :—	
(i) having two wheels	45.00
(ii) having more than two wheels	75.00
(b) For each trailer capable of being attached to any vehicle, other than a motor tractor or	

§ c.

motor car, and not constructed as a permanent attachment to that vehicle

90.00

Provided that :—

- (a) no licence fee shall be payable in respect of any invalid carriage;
- (b) no licence shall be required for any motor vehicle, or trailer, if used only within the bounds of any sugar cane plantation, woodcutting grant, cattle farm, lot or farm under cultivation, cocoa estate, rubber estate, private grant, mining or placer claim;
- (c) in item 4, "passengers" includes the driver;
- (d) the Minister may, by order, define districts in which the fee for any trailer used in connection with a motor car shall be one half of the appropriate amount set out in item 10(a);
- (e) for any trailer fitted with tyres other than pneumatic tyres, the fee shall be twice the appropriate amount set out in item 10;
- (f) no licence fee shall be payable for any motor vehicle or trailer kept for use exclusively on roads and trails, or any of them, in any district defined by the Minister by order, which shall come, or be deemed to have come, into operation on such day, being the first day of any quarter not earlier than the commencement of the year in which the order is made, as shall be specified therein. Where there has been payment for any motor vehicle or trailer of a licence fee from which the motor vehicle or trailer is, upon the application of the licence holder, shown to the satisfaction of the licensing officer to have, by virtue of any such order published in the *Gazette* after the payment in question, been exempted to the extent of any amount so paid in respect of any period commencing on or after the coming into operation of

the order, such amount shall pursuant to the said application, and upon surrender of the licence if such period is unexpired, be refunded by or on the authority of the Licensing Authority; and any decision of the licensing officer with which the applicant is dissatisfied shall be subject to appeal, which shall lie in the like manner as an appeal under the proviso to section 18(3) against refusal to issue a licence.

## Sections

## B — OTHER FEES

	\$	c.
5.	For registration :—	
		40.00
	of motor cycle	
	of other motor vehicles	75.00
	of trailer	15.00
	For copy of entry in motor vehicles register ...	30.00
9.	For transfer of registration :—	
	of motor cycle	30.00
	of other motor vehicles	75.00
	of trailer ...	10.00
14.	For certificate of fitness :—	
	for examination of two-wheeled motor cycle	25.00
	for examination of motor car or three-wheeled motor cycle	40.00
	for examination of motor lorry or motor bus	75.00
	for examination of hire car ...	20.00
	for examination of articulated vehicles*	115.00
	for examination of any other goods vehicles	75.00
	for examination of other motor vehicle or trailer	10.00

	\$
22. For dealer's general licence ...	3,750.00
for each dealer's general identification mark	20.00
26. For learner's provisional licence	40.00
27. For driver's test of competence	75.00
29. For driver's licence	30.00
78. For conductor's licence	10.00
79A. For sticker :—	
For each hire car	100.00
for each motor bus seating :—	
(a) not more than 14 passengers	200.00
(b) more than 14 passengers	400.00
80. For Licence to drive a hire car	30.00
81. For licence to drive a hire car (for any period not exceeding seven days) ...	20.00
81. For the issue of an identification mark for a hire car being used in the manner contemplated by section 81(1). This fee shall be refunded upon the return of the identification mark to the Licensing Officer	30.00
105. For duplicate licence or certificate	30.00

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.

+ “the payload” of a motor lorry is the gross weight thereof as specified by the manufacturer less the unladen weight.”.



### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Cap. 51:02 so as to require motor buses and hire cars to display a sticker to be issued periodically and for which a fee of \$100.00 is payable in respect of hire cars, a fee of \$200.00 in respect of motor buses seating not more than 14 passengers and a fee of \$400.00 in respect of motor buses seating more than 14 passengers. Motor buses owned or used by a corporate body in which the controlling interest is vested in the State or any public corporation or corporate body over which the Guyana State Corporation exercises powers of supervision and control are exempted from the requirement to have stickers.

This Bill further seeks to delete the First Schedule to the Act and replace it with a new Schedule.

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(Bill No. 6/1985)