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BILL NO. 3 OF 1970.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section:

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Amendment of sections 35 and 47 of Chapter 280.
3. Amendment of the first schedule to Chapter 280.
4. Transitional provisions.

A BILL

Intituled

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

A.D. 1970

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, 1970, 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) The amendment effected by section 3 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st January, 1970.

Amendment
of sections
35 and 47
of Chapter
280

2. (1) Subsection (4) of section 35 and subsection (1) of section 47 of the Principal Ordinance are hereby respectively amended by the substitution of the word "Minister" for the words "Governor in Council".

(2) Anything lawfully done under the Principal Ordinance prior to its amendment by subsection (1) of this section, and which would continue to have effect but for such amendment, shall continue to have effect as if so done in conformity with such amendment.

Amendment
of the first
schedule to
Chapter
280.

3. The first schedule to the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) by the substitution of the following proviso for the proviso appearing after paragraph (f) of item 5 of Part A —

"Provided that —

- (i) for a motor lorry exceeding four tons but not exceeding six tons payload*, the licence fee shall be \$600;
- (ii) for a motor lorry exceeding six tons payload*, the licence fee shall be \$700;
- (iii) for an articulated vehicle* the unladen weight of which exceeds 11,200 pounds the licence fee shall be \$900."

(b) by the substitution of the following provision for the last item in section 5 of Part B —

"For copy of entry in motor vehicles register \$5.00";

(c) by the substitution of the following section for section 105 of Part B —

"Section 105. For duplicate licence or certificate \$5.00"; and

(d) by the addition to the footnote appearing at the end of the said schedule of the following —

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

4. Any sum which should, by virtue of the provisions of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Act, have been paid prior to the enactment of this Act in respect of any licence fee hereby increased shall be paid within a period of twenty-eight days after such enactment: Provisional provisions.

Provided that the licence shall be credited with any amount paid prior to such enactment in respect of his licence for 1970 and, notwithstanding that any amount so paid be less than the sum which should have been paid as aforesaid, the payment of such less amount shall, in the absence of any failure to pay the said sum in accordance with the provisions of this section, be deemed to have had, and to have, effect as if such amount were equal to the said sum.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance (Chapter 280) for the purpose of enabling the Minister of Communications to exercise powers now exercised by the Governor-General under sections 35 and 47 and to alter with effect from 1st January, 1970, the licence fees payable in respect of motor lorries. The licence fee payable in respect of a motor lorry will be based on the payload of the vehicle instead of its unladen weight. Clauses 2 and 3(a) seek to provide accordingly. Clauses 3(b) and (c) of the Bill seek to alter two of the Budget proposals for 1970 which became effective by virtue of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1969.

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(Bill No. 3/1970).