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**GUYANA**

**BILL No. 2 of 1973**

**MOTOR VEHICLES (PURCHASE TAX) BILL 1973**

**Arrangement of Sections**

**Section**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 280.
3. Amendment of section 5 of Chapter 280.
4. Insertion of section 5A in Chapter 280.

## A BILL

## Intituled

An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance for the purpose of imposing a purchase tax on motor vehicles.

A. D. 1973 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title 1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Purchase Tax) Act 1973, and amends the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Cap. 280.

Amendment of Section 2 of Chapter 280.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion of the following definition immediately after the definition of the word "prescribed" —

“purchase tax” means the tax imposed under section 5A;’.

Amendment of Section 5 of Chapter 280.

3. Section 5(1) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the word “fee” of the words “together with the amount of the purchase tax due pursuant to section 5A”.

Insertion of Section 5A in Chapter 280.

4. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion of the following section as section 5A immediately after section 5 —

“Purchase tax payable on registration of certain motor vehicles.

5A.(1) There shall be charged, levied and collected in respect of every motor vehicle of a class or description specified by order of the Minister responsible for finance (hereinafter in this section referred to as “the Minister”) a purchase tax calculated on such percentage of the value of

such motor vehicle as shall be specified in the said order which may contain such provisions as the Minister may consider necessary or expedient for giving effect to the order, including such qualifications, exceptions and conditions as he may think fit.

- (2) Purchase tax shall be payable to the licensing officer at the time of the making of the application for the registration of the motor vehicle which, for the purposes of this section, shall include the amendment, by reason of such circumstances as may be specified in the order made under subsection (1), of the particulars of the entry in the register relating to the registration of a motor vehicle.
- (3) If any motor vehicle in respect of which purchase tax is payable is registered contrary to the provisions of this section such registration shall be void and of no effect and the vehicle shall be deemed not to have been registered under this Ordinance.
- (4) The Minister may, by order, abolish, reduce or increase the purchase tax imposed pursuant to subsection (1).
- (5) Every order made under this section shall within twenty-one days from the date of its publication in the Gazette be laid before the National Assembly and the National As-

sembly may by resolution confirm, amend or revoke such order and upon publication of the resolution of the National Assembly in the Gazette, the resolution shall have effect and the order shall then expire; if the order be not laid as required by this subsection it shall **ipso facto** expire and in reckoning for the purposes of this subsection any period of days no account shall be taken of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which the National Assembly is adjourned for more than seven days.

- (6) Purchase tax shall not be charged, levied and collected in respect of a motor vehicle the registered owner of which is exempt from the payment of fees on the registration thereof under this Ordinance or by virtue of any other law.
- (7) If it is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue that any person has paid purchase tax in excess of the amount with which he is properly chargeable, that person shall be entitled to have the amount so paid in excess refunded.
- (8) For the purposes of this section, "value" in relation to —
  - (a) a new motor vehicle which is the subject matter of a purchase from a dealer in motor vehicles,

means such sum as in the opinion of the licensing officer is the ordinary retail selling price at which the motor vehicle would normally be sold without having regard to any discounts, commissions, monetary deductions, or other allowances given or made by the seller thereof;

- (b) a used motor vehicle imported into Guyana, means such sum as is certified by the Comptroller of Customs and Excise to be the value of the motor vehicle taking into account the amount of customs duty and defence levy leviable thereon.

#### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 280, for the purpose of making provision for imposing a purchase tax on specified classes or descriptions of motor vehicles at the time of their registration in Guyana. For the purpose of implementing the proposals in the Budget Speech of 1973, provision will be made in an order under the proposed section 5A to impose a tax of seven and one-half per cent on the value of motor cars used for private purposes.

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(Bill No. 2/1973).