
Second Session First Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 8 of 1978

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic
Ordinance, Ch. 16. No. 3.

[Assented to 17th March, 1978]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Short title
Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978.

Section 2 of
the Ordinance
amended

2. Section 2 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "the Ordinance") is amended by inserting in its appropriate alphabetical order the following new definition

" "driving permit" means a permit issued in accordance with Part IV kept in the form specified in section 37."

Section 37 of
the Ordinance
repealed and
replaced

3. (1) Section 37 of the Ordinance is repealed and replaced as follows:—

"Form
of driving
permit
offence

37. Driving permits shall be in such form as may be decided by the Licensing Authority and the signature or mark of the holder shall be affixed to the permit together with a passport-size photograph of the holder taken not earlier than six years from the date of the application for the permit or for its renewal. Photographs required by this subsection shall be supplied in duplicate by the applicant at the time of his application for the permit or for its renewal."

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall come into force three months after the coming into operation of this Act.

Section 39 of
the Ordinance
amended

4. (1) Section 39 of the Ordinance is amended—

- (i) In paragraph (a) substitute the words "section 39(2)" for the words "section 39(1)".
- (ii) In paragraph (b) by deleting the proviso and the words "and if he fails so to do, he shall be liable to a fine of twenty-four dollars".
- (iii) Substitute for paragraphs (c) and (d) the following:—
 - "(c) by inserting in the appropriate numerical order the following new subsections:—

(1) A person who drives or is in charge of a motor vehicle on any road shall have either

on his person or in the motor vehicle his driving permit for production as required by subsection (2).

(3) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this section is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.”.

5. Section 41 of the Ordinance is repealed and replaced as follows—

Section 41 of the Ordinance repealed and replaced

“Period of driving permit

41(1). A driving permit shall, unless previously suspended, cancelled or revoked by the competent authority expire upon the expiration of the period of twelve months from the date of issue.

41(2). Notwithstanding subsection (1), a driving permit which is valid until 31st December, 1977 is deemed to have been extended to such date in 1978 as is the anniversary date of the first issue of that permit; and if that permit was renewed in 1978 before the coming into force of this Act, that renewal is deemed to be effective until the date in 1979 which is the anniversary date of the first issue of the permit”.

6. Section 68(2) of the Ordinance is amended by substituting the words “one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months” for the words “forty-eight dollars or to imprisonment for twenty-one days”.

Section 68 of the Ordinance amended

7. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the President by Proclamation published in the *Gazette*.

Commencement

Passed in the Senate this 24th day of January, 1978.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 3rd day
of February, 1978.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House