



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

A. B. WRIGHT,

Acting Governor.

12th September, 1944.

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

[14th September, 1944.]

Commencement.

ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council
thereof.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Motor Vehicles Short Title.
and Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance, 1944, and
shall be read as one with the Motor Vehicles and Road Construction.
Traffic Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ch. 16. No. 3.
Ordinance.

Section 28 of
the Principal
Ordinance
amended.

2. Section 28 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsection (2) and inserting the following subsections :—

“(2) For the purpose of learning to drive, a person (in this section referred to as a “learner”) may, though he does not hold a driving permit, drive a motor vehicle on a road if he holds a written permission to do so (in this section referred to as a “learner’s permit”) granted by the Licensing Officer: Provided that if a learner infringes or fails to comply with any condition or restriction specified in the learner’s permit while learning to drive on a road, he shall be liable to the penalty prescribed in subsection (1) of this section as if no learner’s permit had been issued to him, and the said permit shall, on conviction, be cancelled.

(3) When granting a learner’s permit for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2) of this section, the Licensing Officer may impose such conditions and restrictions as he may deem necessary for the safety of the public and shall, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing words, specify—

- (a) that the learner shall drive upon such roads and at such times as may be mentioned in the permit; and
- (b) that the learner shall not use a taxi, or a motor omnibus carrying passengers, for the purpose of learning to drive; and
- (c) that when learning to drive a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle) the learner shall have sitting next to him, for the purpose of instructing him, a person approved by the Licensing Officer and named in the permit:

Provided that a learner may appeal to the Trinidad Transport Board against the refusal of a Licensing Officer to grant him a learner’s permit or against any condition or restriction imposed by the Licensing Officer, and, on such appeal being made, the Trinidad Transport Board may make such order as they deem just and such order shall be final and conclusive.

(4) A learner and the person accompanying him for the purpose of instruction, shall each be liable for any offence committed against any of the provisions of this Ordinance during the course of such instruction."

(5)
3. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting the following section, numbered 44A, immediately after section 44 thereof:—

"Special speed limit.

44A. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding section, the Governor in Council may by order declare a road or any portion thereof to be within a special speed limit area.

(2) The Governor in Council may by regulation fix the maximum speed at which any motor vehicle may be driven on a road or any portion thereof included within a special speed limit area and such regulation may specify different maximum speeds for different sections of such road or portion of road: Provided that a regulation made under this subsection shall be of no effect unless and until approved by the Legislative Council.

(3) Whenever a regulation made under subsection (2) of this section is in force, it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to erect or cause to be erected road signs indicating the sections of road, and the maximum speed fixed in relation thereto, mentioned in such regulation.

(4) Whenever any road or any portion thereof has been included in a special speed limit area, such road or portion thereof shall not be declared by the Board under the provisions of subsection (6) of the last preceding section to be within a speed limit area, and if already so declared, such road or portion thereof shall cease to be included in a speed limit area and shall be governed by the provisions of this section.

Added by Sec: 2
Order. 40/4

New section
44A of the
Principal
Ordinance.

(5) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a road or any portion thereof which is within a special speed limit area at a speed greater than that fixed by regulation made under subsection (2) of this section. Any person who acts in contravention of this subsection shall be liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars, and to be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit for such period as the court shall think fit: Provided that it shall be a good defence for any person charged with having contravened this subsection to prove that at the time of the alleged contravention there was no road sign erected as specified in subsection (3) of this section.

(6) Any person who removes, damages, alters or in any way interferes with a road sign erected by the Director of Public Works in compliance with subsection (3) of this section, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars or to imprisonment for three months."

First Schedule
to Principal
Ordinance
amended.

4. Paragraph (6) of the First Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by substituting \$1.20 for \$2.10.

Passed in Council this twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

W. J. BOOS,
Clerk of the Council.