
Second Session First Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 20 of 1978

[L.S.]

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

[Assented to 6th July, 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) (No. 4) Act, 1978.

Interpretation.
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2. In this Act "the Ordinance" means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance.

Section 14A of
Ordinance amended

3. Section 14A of the Ordinance is amended—

(a) by repealing and replacing subsection (1) as follows:—

"Conditions to be satisfied before issue or renewal of licences

14A. (1) Notwithstanding section 14, a Licensing Officer shall not issue or renew a licence of a motor vehicle or trailer unless the applicant produces the prescribed certificate certifying that the licence may be issued or renewed save that in the case of a licence for a motor cycle or private motor car the prescribed certificate shall be required at three yearly intervals only.";

(b) by deleting the words "a vehicle to which this section applies" in subsection (2) and substituting therefor the words "a motor vehicle or trailer".

(c) by repealing and replacing subsection (3) as follows:—

" (3) The owner of a vehicle who contravenes subsection (2) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars or imprisonment for six months.";

(d) by repealing subsection (6).

Ordinance amended by inserting new section

4. The Ordinance is amended by inserting immediately after section 14A the following new section:—

"Licensing Authority may designate premises, etc.

14B. (1) For the purpose of the issue of the prescribed certificate in respect of motor cycles or private motor cars the Licensing Authority may designate premises not under the control of the Authority where such vehicles may be examined by persons not in the employ of the Authority and may authorise such persons to issue the prescribed certificate.

A designation or authorisation may be subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Licensing Authority.

(2) A list of designated premises shall be published in the *Gazette* not later than the 30th April in each year."

5. The Ordinance is amended by inserting immediately after section 28 the following new section:—

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"Motor cycles and safety helmets

28A. (1) Notwithstanding section 28, from 1st September, 1978, no person may drive or be carried on a motor cycle on any road unless he wears a safety helmet capable of affording the head of the wearer protection from injury in the event of an accident.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

(3) The types of helmet which are capable of affording the head of the wearer protection from injury in the event of an accident shall be prescribed by the Minister, by reference to design, construction or other quality, by notice published in the *Gazette*."

6. Section 31 of the Ordinance is amended—

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(a) by renumbering the section as section 31 (1); and

(b) by adding the following new subsection—

" (2) An applicant for the issue or renewal of a driving permit to drive a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle or a private motor car

or an applicant for the issue or renewal of a driving permit who has attained the age of sixty-five years shall submit together with his application a medical certificate that his vision, hearing and bodily and mental fitness are such as to warrant the issue of a driving permit of the kind to which the application relates.”.

Commencement of
sections 3 and 4

7. Sections 3 and 4 shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the President by Proclamation published in the *Gazette*.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 8th day of May, 1978.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 23rd day of May, 1978.

R. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate