
Third Session Tenth Parliament Republic of
Trinidad and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 5 of 2013

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic
Act, Chap. 48:50

[Assented to 7th May, 2013]

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, 2013.

Interpretation
Chap. 48:50

2. In this Act, “the Act” means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

Section 12 amended

3. Section 12 of the Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“ (3A) The Licensing Authority shall—

(a) on the application by a diplomat or diplomatic organization for the registration of a motor vehicle in his or its name; and

(b) upon being satisfied that the provisions of this Act and the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risk) Act and Regulations made thereunder, have been complied with,

register the motor vehicle as a diplomatic motor vehicle and forthwith enter particulars of the vehicle in the register and shall assign to the vehicle special identification marks to be carried on the registration plates of the vehicle.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (9), the following subsection:

“ (10) In this section—

“diplomat” means a diplomatic agent, consular officer or an official of an

i n t e r n a t i o n a l
organization or agency
who is certified in writing
by the Minister with
responsibility for foreign
affairs as being entitled
to enjoy privileges and
immunities under the
Privileges and Immunities
(Diplomatic, Consular and
I n t e r n a t i o n a l
Organization) Act;

“diplomatic organization”
means a diplomatic
mission, consular post or
a regional or
i n t e r n a t i o n a l
organization or agency
that is certified in
writing by the Minister
with responsibility for
foreign affairs as being
entitled to enjoy privileges
and immunities under
the Privileges and
Immunities (Diplomatic,
Consular and International
Organization) Act.”.

4. Section 15 of the Act is amended—

Section 15 amended

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) in paragraph (d), by deleting the
word “or”;

(ii) in paragraph (e), by deleting the
fullstop and substituting a
semi-colon; and

(iii) by inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraphs:

“(f) the owner of a motor vehicle registered under section 12(3A) is no longer entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act; or

(g) an application is made to transfer a motor vehicle registered under section 12(3A) to a person who is not entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“ (1A) Where the registration of a motor vehicle is cancelled under paragraph (f) or (g), the Licensing Authority may register that motor vehicle under section 12(3).”.

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of April, 2013.

N. ATIBA-DILCHAN

Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day
of April, 2013.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

Clerk of the House