Second Session Eleventh Parliament Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



# REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO Act No. 9 of 2017

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 to introduce a system of traffic violations for certain breaches of the Act, to provide for the implementation of a red-light camera system, a demerit points system and the reform of the fixed penalty system and related legal proceedings and other related matters

[Assented to 27th July, 2017]

236	No. 9	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment)	2017
Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:		
Short title		nis Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and (Amendment) Act, 2017.	d Road
Commencement		his Act comes into operation on such day by the President by Proclamation.	' as is
Interpretation Chap. 48:50		this Act, "the Act" means the Motor Vehicle Traffic Act.	es and
Section 2 amended		ection 2 of the Act is amended by insert ppropriate alphabetical order, the foll ions:	-
		" "emergency vehicle" means—	
		(a) a vehicle being used by a m of the Police Service, I Service or Defence Force; or	
		(b) an ambulance being operated	d,
		in an emergency situation while sou its siren or other warning instru approved by the Licensing Authority	ument
		"payee" means a person or appointed in accordance section 88D;	entity with
		"traffic light signal" means an electro automated device installed for the pu of controlling vehicular traffic and sh red, amber and green light signals; a	urpose lowing
		"traffic violation" shall be constru- accordance with section 20B;".	ed in
New section 2A inserted		he Act is amended by inserting after section ng new section:	2, the
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Act Chap. 3:01

**6.** Section 10A(3) of the Act is amended by deleting <sub>Section 10A</sub> the words "three hundred dollars or to imprisonment for <sup>amended</sup> six months" and substituting the words "ten thousand dollars and imprisonment for six months".

**7.** Section 15 of the Act is amended—

Section 15 amended

- (a) in subsection (2), by deleting the words "commits an offence" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of three thousand dollars"; and
- (b) by repealing subsection (3).

8. Section 19(6) of the Act is amended by deleting the Section 19 amended words "is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars and imprisonment for six months" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars".

**9.** The Act is amended by inserting after section 20, New Part IIA the following new Part:

# "PART IIA

#### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Conditions of permit and registration 20A. (1) It is hereby declared that compliance with this Act and other written laws relating to the use of a vehicle on a road by the holder of a driving permit is a condition of the driving permit.

(2) It is hereby declared that compliance with this Act and other written laws relating to the use of a motor vehicle on a road is a condition of the registration of the motor vehicle under this Act and that, subject to the provisions of this Act and those written laws, the owner of the motor vehicle is responsible for any breach of this Act or those written laws which involves the use of his motor vehicle and which is imputable to him as the owner. commission of a traffic violation 20B. The breach of a condition specified in the Seventh Schedule by the holder of a driving permit or owner of a vehicle constitutes a traffic violation and the holder of the driving permit or the owner of the motor vehicle shall be liable to be dealt with in accordance with this Act.

- standard of 20C. In proceedings for a traffic violation under this Act, the standard of proof shall be on a balance of probabilities.".
- Section 21 amended **10.** Section 21 of the Act is amended by repealing subsections (2) and (5).
- Section 23 amended **11.** Section 23(1B) of the Act is amended by deleting the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars".

Section 42 amended 12. Section 42 of the Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "or imprisonment for six months" and the words "or imprisonment for one year";
- (b) in subsection (3), by deleting the words "on conviction" and the words "upon conviction"; and
- (c) in subsection (6), by inserting after the words "liable for" the words "any traffic violation or for".

13. Section 43B(2) of the Act is amended by deleting the words "is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of four thousand dollars and on any subsequent conviction to a fine of eight thousand dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of four thousand dollars for the first traffic violation and to a fine of eight thousand dollars for any subsequent traffic violation".

#### **14.** Section 43D of the Act is amended—

Section 43D amended

- (a) in subsection (4), by deleting the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of two thousand dollars"; and
- (b) in subsection (5), by deleting the words "guilty of an offence" and substituting the word "liable".

**15.** Section 46 of the Act is amended—

Section 46 amended

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "is liable on conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars"; and

(b) by repealing subsection (2).

16. Section 48(9) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 48 amended the words "is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars and to a further fine of five dollars for each day the offence continues after conviction thereof" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of two hundred dollars and to a further fine of five dollars for each day that the traffic violation continues".

17. Section 56(3) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 56 amended the words "is liable on conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars".

18. Section 56A(5) of the Act is amended by deleting section 56A the words "is guilty of an offence and liable on <sup>amended</sup> summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars".

- Section 61 amended **19.** Section 61(2) of the Act is amended by inserting after the words "repeated offences" the words "or traffic violations".
- Section 62 amended **20.** Section 62 of the Act is amended—
  - (a) in subsection (6E)(a), by deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting the following subparagraph:
    - "(ii) failed to comply with subsection (1)";
  - (b) in subsection (6E)(b)(iii), by deleting the word "offence", wherever it occurs, and substituting the words "traffic violation";
  - (c) in subsection (6F)—
    - (i) by deleting the words "an offence under subsection (5)" and substituting the words "a traffic violation under this section";
    - (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words "the accused" and substituting the words "a person"; and
    - (iii) in paragraph (d), by deleting the words "the accused" and substituting the words "the person";
  - (d) in subsection (6G)—
    - (i) by deleting the words "an offence under subsection (5)" and substituting the words "a traffic violation under this section";
    - (ii) in paragraph (a), by deleting the words "the accused" and substituting the words "a person"; and

- (iii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words "the accused" wherever it occurs and substituting the word "he";
- (e) in subsection (6H), by deleting the words "an offence under subsection (5)" and substituting the words "a traffic violation under this section";
- (f) in subsection (6I), by deleting the words "an offence under subsection (5)" and substituting the words "a traffic violation under this section"; and
- (g) in subsection (6J)—
  - (i) by deleting the words "an offence under subsection (5)" and substituting the words "a traffic violation under this section"; and
  - (ii) by deleting the words "the accused" and substituting the words "the person who was driving the motor vehicle".

# **21.** Section 63 of the Act is amended—

Section 63 amended

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months" and substituting the words "six thousand dollars"; and
- (b) by repealing subsection (2).

### **22.** Section 64 of the Act is amended—

Section 64 amended

- (a) in subsection (8), by—
  - (i) inserting after the words "traffic sign", where they first occur, the words ", other than a traffic light signal";

- (ii) deleting the words "or any person riding or driving any animal";
- (iii) deleting the words "or animal" wherever they occur; and
- (iv) deleting the words "is guilty of an offence" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of four thousand dollars"; and
- (b) in subsection (9), by deleting the words "or to imprisonment for three months".
- Section 65 amended **23.** Section 65(2) of the Act is amended by deleting the words "or imprisonment for three months on summary conviction".
- Section 66 amended 24. Section 66 of the Act is amended—
  - (a) by inserting after the words "traffic sign", the words "other than a traffic light signal"; and
  - (b) by deleting the words "is liable on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of two thousand dollars and on any subsequent conviction to a fine of four thousand dollars and imprisonment for twelve months" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of two thousand dollars for the first traffic violation and to a fine of four thousand dollars for every traffic violation thereafter".

**25.** The Act is amended by inserting after section 66, the following new section:

<sup>e</sup>Failure to <sup>comply with a</sup> traffic light
<sup>comply with a</sup> a vehicle, who fails to comply with the indication given by a traffic light signal is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars for the first traffic violation and a fine of seven thousand dollars for any subsequent traffic violation.

New section 66A inserted

(2) This section does not apply to an emergency vehicle.".

**26.** Section 67(3) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 67 amended the words "is liable on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars and on any subsequent conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars for the first traffic violation and to a fine of one thousand dollars for every traffic violation thereafter".

**27.** Section 68(7) of the Act is amended by deleting Section 68 amended the words "is liable on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars and on any subsequent conviction to a fine of three thousand, five hundred dollars" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars for the first traffic violation and to a fine of three thousand, five hundred dollars for every traffic violation thereafter".

**28.** Section 70 of the Act is amended in subsection (1), Section 70 amended by deleting the words "drink or".

**29.** Section 72 of the Act is amended by inserting after Section 72 amended the word "liable" the words ", on summary conviction,".

**30.** Section 75 of the Act is amended by inserting after Section 75 amended the word "offence", the words "and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars and imprisonment for nine months".

**31.** Section 77 of the Act is amended— Section 77 amended

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting the word "convicted" and substituting the word "liable"; and (b) in subsection (4), by deleting the words "on first conviction to a fine of one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars and on any subsequent conviction".

Section 78 amended 32. Section 78 of the Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two months" and substituting the words "on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars"; and
- (b) by repealing subsection (2).
- Section 79 amended **33.** Section 79(2) of the Act is amended by inserting after the word "offence", the words "and is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars and imprisonment for nine months".

**34.** The Act is amended by inserting after section 79, the following new Part:

# "PART VA

### **Red-light Camera System**

Definitions	79A. For the purposes of this Part—
	"citation notice" means the Notice approved by the Authority under section 79G;
Chap. 4:20	"Clerk" has the meaning assigned by the Summary Courts Act;
	"Court" has the meaning assigned by the Summary Courts Act;
	"fixed penalty" means the penalty prescribed under section 84;

New Part VA inserted "Inspection Officer" means a constable, Transport Officer or Traffic Warden certified bv the Commissioner of Police as trained to analvse and certify the authenticity of photographic images or video recordings obtained with a red-light camera;

"notice to contest" means a Notice requesting a hearing by a Court in respect of a traffic violation indicating that the owner wishes to contest responsibility for the payment of a fixed penalty as stated in the Citation Notice;

"red-light camera" means an electronic device, approved by the Minister under section 79B, for the purpose of capturing and producing photographic images and video recordings of traffic violations committed under section 66A.

Installation of red-light camera

<sup>n of</sup> 79B. (1) The Licensing Authority may cause or permit a red-light camera to be installed on, or near any traffic light signal.

(2) The Minister may by Order approve the red-light camera for the purposes of this Part.

Unlawful interference 79C. A person who unlawfully interferes with a red-light camera or its proper functioning commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand dollars. 79D. (1) For the purposes of this Part, where a red-light camera captures a photographic image or video recording of a motor vehicle that fails to comply with the indication given by a red light of a traffic light signal in contravention of section 66A, the owner of the motor vehicle involved in the traffic violation shall be responsible for ensuring the payment of the fixed penalty stipulated in the citation notice served under section 79H.

(2) Where there is more than one owner of the motor vehicle referred to in subsection (1), the owners shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the payment of the fixed penalty.

(3) Where an owner pays a fixed penalty under this Part, he may recover the sums paid from the person who was driving the motor vehicle at the time the photographic image or video recording referred to in subsection (1) was captured.

raphic 79E. A photographic image or video or video recording of a motor vehicle d by tt captured by a red-light camera shall be evidence—

- (a) that the motor vehicle was used in the commission of a traffic violation under section 66A; and
- (b) that the information shown on the photographic image or video recording is a true and accurate record of the registration number of the motor vehicle used in the commission of the traffic violation.

Photographic image or video recording captured by red-light camera system

Owner deemed

responsible

Preparation of 79F. (1) Where a red-light camera citation notice captures a photographic image or video recording of the commission of a traffic violation under section 66A, an Inspection Officer shall, within thirty days of the commission of the traffic violation, prepare a citation notice to be served on each owner of the motor vehicle involved in the commission of the traffic violation.

> (2) The citation notice prepared under subsection (1) shall state that the owner has the option of either—

- (a) paying the stipulated fixed penalty for the traffic violation, within the time specified in the citation notice; or
- (b) filing a notice to contest within the time specified in the citation notice in accordance with section 79J.

Form of citation notice 79G. A citation notice prepared under section 79F shall be in the form approved by the Licensing Authority and published in the *Gazette*, and shall include—

- (a) the date, time and place of the traffic violation;
- (b) the section of the written law creating the traffic violation and such particulars of the traffic violation as are required for proceedings under the Summary Courts Act;
- (c) the photographic image showing the commission of the traffic violation and the registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the commission of the traffic violation;

- (d) the certificate of the Inspection Officer;
- (e) the fixed penalty that is to be paid;
- (f) the payee to whom the fixed penalty may be paid;
- (g) the time specified within which the fixed penalty may be paid in accordance with section 79I(1);
- (h) that the owner may file a notice to contest in accordance with section 79J; and
- (i) the date, time and address of the Court at which the owner is required to appear in the event of filing a notice to contest in accordance with section 79J.

Service of citation notice 79H. (1) A citation notice prepared under section 79F shall be served on each owner of a motor vehicle involved in a traffic violation under section 66A—

- (a) by delivering it to each owner or some adult at his usual or last known place of residence or any address furnished by him to the Licensing Authority;
- (b) by leaving it or affixing it at the usual or last known place of residence or place of business of the owner or at any address furnished by him to the Licensing Authority in a cover, addressed to him; or
- (c) by sending it by way of normal post or registered post to the owner at his usual or last known place of residence or business or any other

address furnished by him to the Licensing Authority.

(2) In the case of a citation notice to be served on an owner whose usual or last known place of residence cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, service may be effected by means of publication in at least one newspaper in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago or electronic transmission through e-mail.

(3) Service of a citation notice under this section is deemed to be effected on the owner on the eighth day following the date on which the notice is delivered, left, affixed, published, or electronically transmitted.

Payment of fixed penalty 79I. (1) Where service of a citation notice has been effected in accordance with section 79H, the owner of the motor vehicle shall, unless he files a notice of contest, pay the fixed penalty within forty-five days from the deemed date of service under section 79H(3) of the citation notice or such longer period as the Minister may prescribe by Order.

(2) Payment of a fixed penalty under this section shall be—

- (a) accompanied by the citation notice served under section 79H; and
- (b) paid to a payee prescribed by the Minister under section 88D.

(3) Where the fixed penalty is duly paid in accordance with the citation notice, no person shall be liable to any sanction for the traffic violation in respect of which the citation notice was served. 79J. (1) Where an owner of a motor vehicle is served with a citation notice under section 79H for a traffic violation and is desirous of contesting the traffic violation in the citation notice, the owner may file a notice to contest with a payee prescribed by the Minister under section 88D within thirty days from the deemed date of service of the citation notice.

(2) An owner may file a notice to contest on the grounds that at the time the traffic violation was committed—

(a) the motor vehicle was stolen; or

(b) he is no longer the owner having duly registered a change of possession of the motor vehicle in accordance with section 19(1).

(3) Notwithstanding the filing of a notice to contest under subsection (1), an owner shall be permitted to pay the fixed penalty specified in the citation notice in accordance with section 79I and the matter shall be removed from the list of hearing at the Court.

79K. Proceedings in respect of a traffic violation under section 66A, for which a citation notice was served, shall not be listed for trial in Court unless—

- (a) a notice to contest has been filed by the owner of the motor vehicle within thirty days from the deemed date of service of the citation notice in accordance with section 79J; and
- (b) a period of three months has elapsed from the last day on which the fixed penalty is payable and

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Proceedings for traffic violation under section 66A

Filing of notice to

contest

there is no record that the fixed penalty was paid in accordance with section 79I.

Transmission of documents to Court 79L. Where an owner has filed a notice to contest, the Inspection Officer shall transmit to the Clerk, in the district in which the traffic violation occurred, a certified copy of—

- (a) the citation notice;
- (b) the notice to contest;
- (c) the photographic image or video recording of the motor vehicle captured by the red-light camera in relation to the traffic violation; and
- (d) proof of service of the citation notice.

Certificate of Inspection Officer

79M. In proceedings for a traffic violation under this Part, a certificate on the citation notice signed by an Inspection Officer which states that—

- (a) he is certified by the Commissioner of Police as trained to analyse the information captured by a red-light camera;
- (b) the red-light camera used to capture the photographic image or video recording was approved by the Minister;
- (c) the photographic image or video recording captured by the red-light camera was obtained on the date and time stated therein;
- (d) the red-light camera was operating accurately at the time the

photographic image video or recording was captured; and

(e) the contents of the information shown on the photographic image or video recording are true and correct.

is prima facie evidence of the matters stated in the certificate.

79N. In proceedings for a traffic Certificate of Commissioner violation under this Part. where the of Police credential of an Inspection Officer is reasonably brought into question, the Court may authorise the submission of a certificate purporting to be signed by the Commissioner of Police that the Inspection Officer named therein is gualified to operate and analyse a red-light camera, and the certificate shall be prima facie evidence of the particulars specified in, and by the certificate.

Evidence of condition of red-light camera

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790. In proceedings for a traffic violation under this Part, evidence of the condition of the red-light camera or the manner in which it was operated shall not be required unless evidence that it was not in proper condition or was not properly operated at the time of the traffic violation has been adduced.

79P. (1) In proceedings for a traffic complainant under this Part. in proceedings violation the information that is sent to the Court under section 79L shall be sufficient evidence to call upon the person charged to answer.

> (2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in proceedings for a traffic

violation under this Part, the Court shall not require the presence of a complainant, but this shall not debar the person in receipt of the citation notice from summoning any person in his defence.

Magistrate to proceed *ex parte* where owner is absent 79Q. Notwithstanding section 44 of the Summary Courts Act, where an owner who files a notice to contest does not appear before the Court at the date, time and address specified in the citation notice, the Magistrate shall not issue a warrant for the arrest of the owner, but may proceed *ex parte* to the hearing of the matter, and adjudicate thereon as fully and effectually as if the owner had personally appeared before the Court.

Non-payment of fixed penalty and failure to file notice to contest 79R. (1) Where an owner does not pay the fixed penalty and does not file a notice to contest, in accordance with this Act, he shall be liable to pay, to a payee, the fixed penalty plus one-quarter of the amount of that fixed penalty.

(2) Where an owner does not pay the sum required under subsection (1) within fourteen days of the date on which it became payable, he shall be liable to pay the fixed penalty plus one-half of the amount of the fixed penalty.

(3) Where an owner fails to pay the required sums in accordance with this section, the Licensing Authority may suspend the driving permit of the owner or cease all transactions in relation to the motor vehicle which was involved in the commission of the traffic violation or with the owner of the said motor vehicle. Notice to owner of possible sanctions 79S. Where section 79R of the Act becomes applicable, the Licensing Authority shall issue a notice, in writing, to the owner indicating that—

- (a) the fixed penalty specified in the citation notice was not paid;
- (b) a notice to contest in respect of the traffic violation was not filed;
- (c) the sum stated in section 79R(a) has become due for payment;
- (d) it intends to impose the sanction specified at section 79R(3), which would be lifted upon the payment of the applicable penalty; and
- (e) he has fourteen days, from the date of receipt of the notice, to show cause, in writing, why the Licensing Authority should not impose the intended sanctions.

Imposition of sanctions by Licensing Authority

<sup>f</sup> 79T. (1) An owner may show cause, as stated in section 79S, why the Licensing Authority should not impose the sanctions specified in section 79R(3).

(2) After consideration of representations made by an owner pursuant to subsection (1), the Licensing Authority may impose any combination of sanctions specified in section 79R(3), or decline to impose any sanctions and require the owner to pay the applicable sum due under section 79R.

(3) The Licensing Authority shall inform the owner of its decision, in writing, as soon as possible.

Part VI repealed and Parts VI and VIA inserted	(4) The Licensing Authority shall
	immediately lift any sanction imposed
	under this section upon the payment of the
	applicable sum specified in section 79R.".

**35.** The Act is amended by repealing Part VI and substituting the following new Parts:

# "PART VI

# FIXED PENALTY ENFORCEMENT

### AND ADMINISTRATION

Definitions	80. For the purposes of this Part—
Chap. 4:20	"Clerk" and "Court" have the meanings assigned by the Summary Courts Act;
	"constable" includes—
Chap. 15:01	(a) a police officer as defined in the Police Service Act;
	(b) a Transport Officer;
	(c) a Traffic Warden appointed under section 10A; and
Chap. 15:02 Eighth	<ul><li>(d) an estate constable employed under the Supplemental Police Act, in a public body listed in the Eighth Schedule;</li></ul>
Schedule Ninth Schedule	"demerit points" means the points specified in the Fourth Column of the Ninth Schedule;
	"fixed penalty" means the penalty prescribed under section 84;
	"fixed penalty notice" means a notice issued under section 82 and includes a duplicate of such notice;

"notice to contest" means a notice requesting a hearing by a Court in respect of a traffic violation specified in a fixed penalty notice;

# "proceedings" means proceedings before a Magistrate.

Constable may issue fixed penalty notice

81. (1) Where a constable has reason to believe that a person is committing or has committed a traffic violation, the constable may issue the driver with a fixed penalty that offers the driver notice the opportunity to pay the fixed penalty within the time specified in the fixed penalty notice and discharge of any liability for the traffic violation or to file a notice to contest where the driver is desirous of contesting the fixed penalty notice issued to him.

(2) Where a constable finds a vehicle on any occasion and has reason to believe that a traffic violation is being or has been committed in respect of that vehicle, the constable may affix a fixed penalty notice to any part of the vehicle where the fixed penalty notice may be easily seen and for the purposes of this Part, the affixed fixed penalty notice shall be deemed to have been served upon the person liable for the traffic violation.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the owner of a vehicle on which a fixed penalty notice was affixed under subsection (2) shall be presumed to be the person liable for the traffic violation and shall be required to either pay the fixed penalty within the time specified in the fixed penalty notice or to file a notice to contest where the owner is desirous of contesting the fixed penalty notice affixed. (4) A fixed penalty notice affixed to a vehicle under subsection (2) shall not be removed or interfered with except by, or under the authority of the driver of the vehicle or the person liable for the traffic violation.

(5) A person who contravenes subsection (4) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars.

(6) Where a fixed penalty notice has been issued or affixed under this section, the police officer in charge of the police station for the district in which the fixed penalty notice was issued shall send a duplicate of the fixed penalty notice to the Licensing Authority within seven working days from the date of issue or affixing of the fixed penalty notice.

Contents of fixed penalty notice

82. (1) A fixed penalty notice issued or affixed under section 81, shall bear the signature of the constable and shall specify—

- (a) the date, time and place that the fixed penalty notice was issued or affixed;
- (b) the section of the written law creating the traffic violation and such particulars of the traffic violation as are required for proceedings under this Act or the Summary Courts Act;
- (c) the time within which the fixed penalty may be paid in accordance with section 83(1);
- (d) the amount of the fixed penalty;

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- (e) the payee to whom the fixed penalty may be paid;
- (f) the applicable number of demerit points for the traffic violation as specified in the Fourth Column of the Ninth Schedule;
- (g) that the person may contest the fixed penalty notice by filing a notice to contest in accordance with section 85; and
- (h) the date, time and address of the Court at which the person is required to appear in the event of filing a notice to contest in accordance with section 85.

(2) A notice under this Part shall be in the form approved by the Licensing Authority and published in the *Gazette*.

Payment of fixed penalty 83. (1) Where a fixed penalty notice has been issued or affixed under section 81, the driver or owner of the vehicle, as the case may be, shall, unless he files a notice to contest, pay the fixed penalty within thirty days from the date that the fixed penalty notice was issued or affixed, or such longer period as the Minister may by Order prescribe.

(2) Subject to section 88K, where a fixed penalty is paid in accordance with a fixed penalty notice, a person shall not be liable to any sanction for the traffic violation in respect of which the fixed penalty notice was issued or affixed.

(3) Payment of a fixed penalty under subsection (1) shall be—

(a) accompanied by the fixed penalty notice issued under section 81; and

(b) paid to a payee as prescribed by the Minister under section 88D.

Amount of fixed penalty

84. The fixed penalty for a traffic violation shall be the amount specified in the Third Column of the Ninth Schedule.

Notice to contest to be filed

85. (1) Where a person is desirous of contesting a fixed penalty notice, he shall file a notice to contest with a payee within fifteen days from the date that the fixed penalty notice was issued or affixed.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person may at any time within the period specified in the fixed penalty notice for the payment of the fixed penalty pay the fixed penalty in accordance with section 83 and the matter shall be removed from the list of hearing at the Court.

Transmission of documents to Court

notice

86. Where a notice to contest has been filed, the constable shall immediately transmit to the Clerk, in the district in which the traffic violation is alleged to have been committed, a copy of the fixed penalty notice.

87. Proceedings in respect of a traffic Listing of proceedings in violation for which a fixed penalty notice respect of was issued or affixed shall not be listed for fixed penalty trial in Court unless—

- (a) a notice to contest has been filed in accordance with section 85 within fifteen days from the date that the fixed penalty notice was issued or affixed; and
- (b) a period of two months has elapsed from the last day on which the fixed penalty is payable and there is no record that the fixed penalty was paid in accordance with section 83.

87A. (1) Where any person is charged Temporary suspension of with manslaughter or offence committed determination by use of a motor vehicle as a weapon or with contravening the provisions of section 70 or section 71, it shall be lawful for the Licensing Authority to order the suspension of the driving permit of the person so charged pending the determination of the charge.

> (2) Any such permit  $\mathbf{SO}$ suspended under subsection (1) shall be surrendered to the Clerk of the Court before which the person so charged is to appear.

> (3) Where the Court makes an Order for suspension of a person's driving permit this Order shall be reviewed on every occasion that the matter is listed.

Appearance of parties in proceedings where notice to contest was filed

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88. (1) Where a notice to contest is filed within the period specified in the fixed penalty notice, the constable who issued or affixed the fixed penalty notice shall be notified and shall be required to attend Court on the date, time and address of the Court as specified in the fixed penalty notice.

(2) Notwithstanding section 44 of the Summary Courts Act, where a person files a notice to contest and does not appear before the Court on the date and time specified in the fixed penalty notice, the Magistrate shall not issue a warrant for the arrest of the person but may proceed *ex parte* to hear the matter and adjudicate thereon as fully and effectually as if the person had personally appeared before the Court.

Non-payment of fixed penalty and failure to file notice to contest

88A. (1) Where a fixed penalty notice was issued or affixed and the driver or owner, as the case may be, does not pay the fixed penalty and does not file a notice to contest, in accordance with this Act—

- (a) he shall be liable to pay to a payee, the fixed penalty plus one-quarter of the amount of that fixed penalty; and
- (b) the applicable number of demerit points for the traffic violation shall be recorded against his driving permit record.

(2) Where the driver or owner, as the case may be, does not pay the sum required under subsection (1) within fourteen days of the date on which it became payable, he shall be liable to pay the fixed penalty plus one-half of the amount of the fixed penalty.

(3) Where the driver or owner, as the case may be, fails to pay the required sums in accordance with this section, the Licensing Authority may suspend the driving permit of the driver or owner, as the case may be, or cease all transactions in relation to the motor vehicle which was involved in the commission of the traffic violation or with the driver or owner of the said motor vehicle, as the case may be.

Notice to driver or owner of possible sanctions 88B. (1) Where section 88A of the Act becomes applicable, the Licensing Authority shall issue a notice, in writing, to the driver or owner, as the case may be, indicating that—

(a) the fixed penalty specified in the fixed penalty notice was not paid;

- (b) a notice to contest in respect of the traffic violation was not filed;
- (c) the applicable number of demerit points for the traffic violation, as specified in the Fourth Column of the Ninth Schedule was recorded against his driving permit;
- (d) the sum stated in section 88A(1)(a) has become due for payment;
- (e) it intends to impose the sanctions specified at section 88A(3), which would be lifted upon the payment of the applicable penalty; and
- (f) he has fourteen days, from the date of receipt of the notice, to show cause, in writing, why the Licensing Authority should not impose the intended sanctions.

Imposition of sanctions by Licensing Authority 88C. (1) A driver or owner, as the case may be, may show cause, as stated in section 88B, why the Licensing Authority should not impose the sanctions specified in section 88A(3).

(2) After consideration of representations made by the driver or owner, as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (1), the Licensing Authority may impose any combination of sanctions specified in section 88A(3), or decline to impose any sanctions and require the driver to pay the applicable sum due under section 88A.

(3) The Licensing Authority shall inform the driver or owner, as the case may be, of its decision, in writing, as soon as possible. violations

(4) The Licensing Authority shall immediately lift any sanction imposed under this section upon the payment of the applicable sum specified in section 88A.

Minister may 88D. (1) The Minister may from time to by Order prescribe fixed penalty traffic

- (a) add any traffic violation to the Ninth Schedule and prescribe in respect of that traffic violation a fixed penalty not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the fine prescribed for the traffic violation;
  - (b) remove any traffic violation from the Ninth Schedule;
  - (c) alter the fixed penalty for any traffic violation listed in the Ninth Schedule to an extent that the fixed penalty as altered does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the fine prescribed for the traffic violation;
  - (d) add, alter or remove the number of demerit points in respect of any traffic violation;
  - (e) prescribe the methods and payees for payment of a fixed penalty; and
  - (f) add to, or remove from the Eighth Schedule the name of any Corporation or public body.

(2) An Order made under subsection (1) shall be subject to negative resolution of Parliament.

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### PART VIA

# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, DEMERIT POINTS,

SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION OF

# DRIVING PERMITS

Power to convict for reckless or dangerous driving on trial for manslaughter

88E. Upon the trial of a person who is indicted for manslaughter in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle by him, it shall be lawful for the jury, if they are satisfied that he is guilty of an offence under section 71, to find him guilty of that offence, whether or not the requirements of section 73 have been satisfied as respects that offence.

Power to proceed on charge for careless driving on hearing of charge under section 70 or 71A 88F. (1) Where a person is charged with an offence under section 70 or section 71A and the Court determines that the offence is not proved, then, at any time during the hearing or immediately thereafter, the Court may, without prejudice to any other direction or order that may be made, direct or allow a charge for an offence under section 72 to be preferred against the defendant and may thereupon proceed with that charge.

(2) A defendant under subsection (1) or his Attorney-at-law shall be informed of the new charge and be given an opportunity, whether by way of crossexamining any witness whose evidence has already been given against the defendant or otherwise, of answering the new charge, and the Court shall, if it considers that the defendant is prejudiced in his defence by reason of the new charge being preferred, adjourn the hearing. Power of Court to require a suspended permit be produced 88G. (1) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 70, 70A, 71, or 71A and an order has been imposed for the disqualification of the person from holding or obtaining a driving permit for a stated period or permanently and where the person holds a driving permit, the Court before which the person is convicted shall require him to produce the permit and upon the making of an order of disqualification, shall forfeit the permit and return it to the Licensing Authority.

(2) A person who is disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit under subsection (1) may, after the expiration of six months from the date of the disqualification, apply to the Court by which he was disqualified to remove the disqualification.

(3) Where an application for removal of the disqualification from holding or obtaining a driving permit is made under subsection (2) the Court may, as it thinks proper, having regard to the character of the person disqualified and his conduct subsequent to the disqualification, the nature of the offence and any other circumstances of the case, either by order, remove the disqualification as from the date specified in the order or refuse the application.

(4) Where an application is refused under this section a further application shall not be made within six months from the date of the refusal.

(5) Particulars of a conviction or disqualification or of the removal of a disqualification under this Act shall be furnished to the Transport Commissioner. (6) The costs of any application referred to in this section may be borne in whole or in part by the applicant, as the Court may order.

(7) In this section, "driving permit" includes a provisional permit.

Right of appeal 88H. A person who, by virtue of an order of a Court under section 88F is disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit may appeal against the order in the same manner as against a conviction, and the Court may, if it thinks fit, pending the appeal, suspend the operation of the order.

Production of offender's Record of Conviction
BSI. Where a person who holds a driving permit is convicted of an offence under section 70, 70A, 71, or 71A, the Court may in order to impose an appropriate penalty, require the Transport Commissioner to produce for its inspection the offender's Record of Conviction.

Establishment of Demerit Points Register

88J. (1) The Licensing Authority shall, for the purpose of administering demerit points, establish and maintain a register to be known as "the Demerit Points Register".

(2) All demerit points recorded against the driving permit record of a person for an offence or a traffic violation shall be duly recorded by the Licensing Authority in the Demerit Points Register.

(3) The contents of the Demerit Points Register shall, for the purposes of all proceedings in a Court, be *prima facie* evidence of all information contained therein and extracts of the Demerit Points Register purporting to be certified as such by the Transport Commissioner, shall be admissible in evidence in Court.

88K. (1) Subject to subsection (2), where Demerit a person is convicted for an offence or a traffic violation listed in the First Column of the Ninth Schedule that carries demerit points, the demerit points as prescribed in the Fourth Column in the Ninth Schedule for that offence or traffic violation shall be recorded against the driving permit record of the person so convicted.

> (2) Where a person appeals against conviction under subsection (1), no demerit points shall be recorded against the driving permit record of the person unless the conviction is confirmed on appeal.

> (3) Where a fixed penalty notice is issued under section 81 for a traffic violation that carries demerit points—

- (a) the fixed penalty for the traffic violation is paid in accordance with the requirements of the fixed penalty notice; or
- (b) the time specified for the payment of the fixed penalty has expired and a notice to contest was not filed by the driver or owner within the specified time,

the number of demerit points as prescribed in the Fourth Column of the Ninth Schedule for the traffic violation shall be recorded against the driving permit record of the person.

Simultaneous traffic violations

points

88L. (1) Subject to subsection (2), where a person is charged with more than one traffic violation or served with more than one fixed penalty notice for traffic violations that carry demerit points and those traffic violations arise out of one incident and that person—

- (a) is convicted of two or more of the traffic violations for which he was charged; or
- (b) has made payment in respect of two or more of the traffic violations for which he was issued a fixed penalty notice,

he shall be liable to have recorded against his driving permit record, demerit points for the traffic violation that carries the highest number of demerit points and where the traffic violations carry an equal number of demerit points, the person shall be liable to have recorded against his driving permit record, demerit points for only one traffic violation.

(2) Where a person is charged for a traffic violation under this Act that involves—

- (a) a failure to comply with the indication given by a traffic light signal under section 66A; or
- (b) exceeding the specified speed limit,

that person shall be liable to have recorded against his driving permit record the demerit points prescribed for both traffic violations in addition to the highest number of demerit points for any other traffic violation arising out of the same incident.

Accumulation of demerit points and disqualification 88M. (1) Where a newly licensed driver or the holder of a provisional permit accumulates seven or more demerit points within a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the driving permit or the provisional permit, the Licensing Authority shall disqualify that person from holding or obtaining a driving permit for a period of one year.

(2) Where a person who holds a driving permit for more than twelve months, accumulates within a period of three years—

- (a) ten or more but less than fourteen demerit points, the Licensing Authority shall disqualify that person from holding or obtaining a driving permit for a period of six months;
- (b) fourteen or more but less than twenty demerit points, the Licensing Authority shall disqualify that person from holding or obtaining a driving permit for a period of one year; or
- (c) twenty or more demerit points, the Licensing Authority shall disqualify that person from holding or obtaining a driving permit for a period of two years.

(3) The Licensing Authority shall, before disqualifying a person under subsection (2), give that person notice in writing of its intention to do so, and shall specify a date not less than fourteen days after the date of the notice, upon which the suspension shall be made and call upon the person to show cause why he should not be disqualified.

(4) Where a person fails to show cause under subsection (3) and the Licensing Authority after taking into consideration any facts in mitigation, decides to disqualify that person from holding or obtaining a driving permit, the Authority shall forthwith, in writing, notify that person of the disqualification.

(5) A disqualification imposed under this section shall not take effect until the expiration of fourteen days after the Licensing Authority has informed the person of the disqualification.

(6) Where a person has been disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit under this section, that person shall, within fourteen days of being informed of the disqualification, surrender his driving permit to the Licensing Authority.

(7) A person who fails to surrender his driving permit to the Licensing Authority as required under subsection (6), commits an offence and is liable to a fine of five thousand dollars and further disqualification for an additional period of one year.

(8) Where the disqualification period under this section expires, all demerit points recorded against the driving permit record of the person shall be expunged.

(9) A person who is disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit under this section may, within fourteen days of the receipt of the notice under subsection (4), appeal to a Court of competent jurisdiction against that decision and the decision of that Court shall be final.

(10) For the purposes of subsection (1), "newly licensed driver" means a person who is the holder of a driving permit for a period of twelve months or less from the date of issue.

Reissue of after disqualification

88N. (1) A driving permit suspended by driving permit a Court or by the Licensing Authority shall, during the period of suspension, be of no effect.

> (2) A person whose driving permit is suspended, or who is declared by a Court or by the Licensing Authority to be disgualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit, shall, during the period of suspension or disgualification, not apply to the Licensing Authority to have his permit reissued unless the period of disgualification has expired or is removed under section 88M(8).

> (3) A person who is disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit may be reissued with a driving permit by the Licensing Authority where he—

- (a) participates driver's in а rehabilitation programme approved by the Licensing Authority:
- (b) passes a driving test; and
- (c) pays the prescribed fee for the reissue of the driving permit.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable to a penalty of ten thousand dollars.

Demerit points to be expunged after two vears

880. (1) Subject to subsection (2), where demerit points have been recorded against the driving permit record of a person and continuous years have elapsed two

without additional demerit points being recorded, the demerit points recorded against that person's driving permit record shall be expunged.

(2) Where a person is disqualified by an order of a Court from holding or obtaining a driving permit, any demerit points recorded against the driving permit record of that person shall be expunged.

(3) The Licensing Authority shall have responsibility for calculating the two-year period prescribed under subsection (1) and in calculating the period, shall not take into account any period of suspension or disqualification by virtue of an order of the Court or any written law.

Double demerit points 88P. (1) The Minister may from time to time by Order, prescribe the traffic violations specified in the First Column of the Ninth Schedule that will carry double demerit points and the period during which the imposition of the double demerit points shall apply.

(2) An Order made under subsection (1) shall be published at least five days prior to the commencement of a prescribed period in the *Gazette* and in at least one daily newspapers circulating in Trinidad and Tobago.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "prescribed period" means any period not exceeding ten consecutive days.

Fraudulent 88Q. Where a person who, under this application for Part, is disqualified from holding or obtaining or has been refused from obtaining a

driving permit, with intent to deceive—

(a) applies for a permit; or

(b) obtains a permit,

while so disqualified, he is liable to a fine of two thousand dollars and imprisonment for six months.".

**36.** Section 91 of the Act is amended—

Section 91 amended

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "or to imprisonment for six months";
- (b) in subsection (2), by deleting the words "or to imprisonment for six months"; and
- (c) in subsection (3), by deleting the words "shall be guilty of an offence under this Act" and substituting the words "is liable to a fine of three thousand dollars".

**37.** Section 93(1) of the Act is amended by inserting Section 93 amended after the word "commits" the words "a traffic violation or".

**38.** Section 94 of the Act is amended by deleting the Section 94 amended words "and to imprisonment for six months".

**39.** Section 96(1) of the Act is amended by deleting <sub>Section 96 amended</sub> the words "is guilty of an offence unless the offence" and substituting the words "or traffic violation is liable unless the offence or traffic violation".

**40.** Section 97(2) of the Act is amended by deleting <sub>Section 97 amended</sub> the words "is guilty of an offence and".

**41.** Section 98(1) of the Act is amended by inserting <sub>Section 98 amended</sub> after the word "offence" wherever it occurs, the words "or traffic violation".

**42.** Section 106 of the Act is amended by inserting Section 106 amended after the word "fine" the words "of fifteen hundred dollars for each traffic violation and a fine".

Section 107 amended	<b>43.</b> Section 107(4) of the Act is amended by deleting the words "or to imprisonment for three months".
Section 108 amended	44. Section $108(1)(a)$ of the Act is amended by deleting the words "or to imprisonment for three months".
Section 111 amended	<b>45.</b> Section 111(4) of the Act is amended by deleting the word "criminal" in the first place where it occurs.
Fourth Schedule amended	<b>46.</b> The Fourth Schedule of the Act is amended in item 2(2), by deleting the words "guilty of an offence and liable on conviction" and substituting the word "liable".
Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Schedules inserted	<b>47.</b> The Act is amended by inserting after the Sixth Schedule, the following Schedules:

### "SEVENTH SCHEDULE

(Section 20B)

BREACH OF CONDITION CONSTITUTING A TRAFFIC VIOLATION

Section	Condition
Section	Condition
15(2)	Notification of destroyed or permanently unserviceable vehicles or vehicles that have been removed from Trinidad and Tobago.
19(6)	Registration of transfer within fourteen days of change of possession of a vehicle.
21	Vehicle to be used in compliance with its registration.
23(1B)	Windscreen or window of motor vehicle not to obscure view of inside of the vehicle from outside.
43B(2)	Motor vehicle to be fitted with seatbelts.
43C(1)	Failure of a driver and any passenger seventeen years and over to wear a seat belt while the vehicle is in motion.
43C(1A)	Driving a vehicle with a person in the front seat who is not wearing a seat belt.
43D	Children under the age of five years to be properly restrained in motor vehicle.

#### Section Condition 46 Instructor to be holder of valid driving permit and give instructions to persons with a valid provisional permit. 48 Person to be physically fit to be the holder of a driving permit. 56Person driving to be in possession of his driving permit while driving. Holder of driving permit from another country to 56A have his travel document showing date of arrival while driving. 62 Driving within prescribed speed limits. 63 Take part in race or trial of speed with written permission of the Commissioner of Police. 64 Comply with traffic signs. Comply with Orders of the Minister in respect of 65 one-way roads and parking of motor vehicles. 66 Comply with traffic direction. 66A Comply with traffic light signal. 67 Comply with experimental traffic schemes. Comply with Orders of the Commissioner of Police in 68 respect of the prohibition or restriction of traffic on roads. 77Person on motorcycle not to ride abreast of each other, not to hold on to another moving vehicle and not to carry unauthorized persons. Driver not to distribute or allow the distribution of 78advertisements from a moving vehicle. 107 Person not to park in space adjoining or attached to a public building unless granted permission. 108(1)(a)Remove vehicle parked in contravention of Act at the direction of police officer. Fourth Schedule Pay required motor vehicle tax.

#### SEVENTH SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

### EIGHTH SCHEDULE

(Section 80)

Public Bodies allowed to issue Fixed Penalty Notices

Airport Authority

Public Transport Service Corporation

The Chaguaramas Development Authority

The National Hospital Management Company Limited

#### NINTH SCHEDULE

(Sections 80, 82, 84, 88B, 88D, 88K, 88P)

FIXED PENALTY AND DEMERIT POINTS

	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
1.	Using or altering a motor vehicle or trailer for a purpose not authorised by the registration or Licensing Authority	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 21(1)(b)	1,000.00	3
2.	Public Service Vehicle carrying excess passengers	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 21(1)(c)	750.00	3
3.	Goods vehicle carrying excess weight	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 21(1)(c)	750.00	3

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	Column	Column	Column	Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
4.	Use of motor vehicle with the windscreen or any other window fitted with glass so tinted, treated or darkened as to obscure the view of the inside of the vehicle from outside	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 23(1)( <i>d</i> )	2,000.00	
5.	Use of motor vehicle under dealer's licence by a person other than a dealer	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 39	1,000.00	3
6.	Driving while disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving permit	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 42		14
7.	Riding Motor Cycle without safety helmet	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43(1)	1,000.00	4
8.	Failure of a driver and any passenger seventeen years and over to wear a seat belt while the vehicle is in motion	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43C(1)	1,000.00	4
9.	Driving a vehicle with a person in the front seat who is not wearing a seat belt	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43C(1A)	1,000.00	4

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	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
10.	Driving a vehicle with a child in the front seat who is five years and under	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43D(1)(a)	1,000.00	4
11.	Failing to place a child who is five years and under in a child restraint or booster seat in the vehicle while driving the vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 43D(1)(b)	1,000.00	4
12.	Offences of driving instructor	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 46	2,000.00	9
13.	Exceeding the specified speed limit—	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 62(1)		
	by 1 to 9 km per hour	Section 02(1)	1,000.00	0
	by 10 to 20 km per hour		1,500.00	2
	by 21 to 30 km per hour		2,000.00	4
	by 31 km or more per hour		3,000.00	6
14.	Motor racing and speed trials between motor vehicles with- out permission	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 63	1,000.00	6

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	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
15.	Traffic Signs	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 64	1,000.00	3
16.	Breach of Traffic Order made by the Minister	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 65(1)	1,000.00	3
17.	Failing to comply with directive of a police constable	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66( <i>a</i> )	1,000.00	3
18.	Failing to comply with a traffic sign or notice authorised by the Licensing Authority or Commissioner of Police, respectively.	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66(b)	1,000.00	3
19.	Failing to comply with a traffic light signal	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66A	1,000.00	3
20.	Failing to comply with a traffic light signal captured under Part VA	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 66A	1,000.00	
21.	Contravention of Traffic Order made by the Commissioner of Police	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 68(7)	1,000.00	3

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	Column	Column	Column	Column
	Description of	Relevant	Fixed	Demerit
	Traffic violation or	Section/Regulation	Penalty	Points
	Offence		\$	
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22.	Breach of	Motor Vehicles and	1,000.00	3
	parking	Road Traffic Act,		
	restriction made by	Chap. 48:50,		
	the Minister	section $69(1)(b)$		
23.	Driving when	Motor Vehicles and		9
10.	under the	Road Traffic Act,		0
	influence of drug	Chap. 48:50,		
	initiatities of all ag	section 70		
24.	Driving or being in	Motor Vehicles and		9
	charge of a vehicle	Road Traffic Act,		
	while blood alcohol	Chap. 48:50,		
	levels exceed	section 70A		
	prescribed limit			
25.	Failure to provide a	Motor Vehicles and		14
20.	specimen of breath	Road Traffic Act,		
	or blood	Chap. 48:50,		
	of Stood	section 70B		
26.	Failure to submit	Motor Vehicles and		14
	breath analysis or	Road Traffic Act,		
	wilful alternation	Chap. 48:50,		
	of concentration of	section 70C		
	alcohol in his			
	breath or blood			
27.	Careless Driving	Motor Vehicles and		6
		Road Traffic Act,		
		Chap. 48:50,		
		section 72		

	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
28.	Motor Cyclist holding onto another moving vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 77(2)(a)	750.00	2
29.	Motor Cyclist riding with no hands on the handle bar	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 77(2)(b)	750.00	2
30.	Throwing or distributing advertisements or handbills from a vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 78(1)	300.00	
31.	Standing for hire at a place not appointed for the purpose	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 91(3)	750.00	3
32.	Unauthorised parking on grounds of a public building	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 107(1)	750.00	2
33.	Defaced or defective identification plate	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 7	450.00	3
34.	No identification plate fixed to the front or back of the vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 9	750.00	3
35.	No identification lights for the illumination of identification marks on vehicle at night	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 10	300.00	2

# NINTH SCHEDULE—Continued

	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
36.	Failing to observe restrictions on pedestrian crossings	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulations 16, 17 and 18	1,200.00	
37.	Number of passengers to be carried not printed on right front door of taxi	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 17( <i>a</i> )	300.00	
38.	Failure to produce a vehicle for inspection/Driving a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker and certifi- cate	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 27(11)	1,000.00	9
39.	No Tare and M.G.W. painted on vehicles	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)( <i>h</i> )	1,000.00	
40.	Vehicle with defective fittings	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)( <i>i</i> )	450.00	2
41.	Vehicle without silencers or fitted with cut outs	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(j)	300.00	3
42.	Unauthorised lights to front or rear of vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(k)	750.00	3

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	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
43.	Unauthorised letters and figures on vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)( <i>l</i> )	750.00	
44.	Vehicle without two head lamps	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28 (1) <i>(m)</i> (i)	1,000.00	2
45.	Vehicle without park lights	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(ii)	1,000.00	3
46.	Vehicle without tail lights	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(iii)	1,000.00	3
47.	Vehicle with unauthorised spot or swivel lights	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 28(1)(m)(iv)	1,000.00	4
48.	No "left hand drive" notice affixed to appropriate vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 31(2)	300.00	
49.	Reversing on roads for an unreason- able distance	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 1	750.00	3
50.	Reversing at the junction of roads or around corner in the City of Port-of-Spain or San Fernando	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 1	1,000.00	2

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	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
51.	Quitting vehicle before applying brakes and switching off engine	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 3	1,000.00	
52.	Failing to keep vehicle to left on road	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(1)	1,000.00	
53.	Improper overtaking on the left side of the road	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(3)	1,000.00	3
54.	Obstructing overtaking traffic	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(4)	1,000.00	3
55.	Improper overtaking on the right, cutting in	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(5)	1,000.00	3
56.	Overtaking traffic at a place dangerous to do so	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(6)	1,000.00	3
57.	Parking within nine metres of a corner	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(10)	500.00	

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	Column	Column	Column	Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
58.	Drawing up alongside another vehicle; backing motor vehicle to kerb or roadside	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(11)	500.00	
59.	Parking within three metres of a fire hydrant	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(12)	500.00	2
60.	Parking within three metres of the front of a fire station	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 5(13)	1,000.00	2
61.	Negligently or wilfully interrupting the free passage or causing an unnecessary obstruction	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 6	600.00	3
62.	Failing to draw up as close as possible to the side of the road	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 11	300.00	
63.	Vehicle without horn	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 12(1)	300.00	3

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	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
64.	Permitting excess sparks, smoke or visible vapour to come from vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 13	1,000.00	
65.	Vehicle carrying excessive projection	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 15	750.00	2
66.	Overcrowded vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 16	1,000.00	3
67.	Carrying persons in a dangerous manner	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 17	1,000.00	3
68.	Leaving broken- down vehicle on road unattended	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap.48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 18	500.00	
69.	Failing to draw up vehicle for passage of any engine or other apparatus of the Fire Service, Police Vehicles, Defence Force Vehicles or Ambulances.	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 19	1,000.00	3

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	Column	Column	Column	Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
70.	Towing other than a motor vehicle without written permission of the Licensing Authority	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 20	600.00	2
71.	Length of tow rope exceeding five metres	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap.48:50, Regulation 38, Rule 21	450.00	
72.	Vehicle without reflecting mirror	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 40	750.00	2
73.	Vehicle carrying unsecured load	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 42	750.00	2
74.	Use of noisy vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 43	300.00	2
75.	Use of vehicle with defective tyres	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 44	1,000.00	3
76.	Use of vehicle with no windshield wiper or defective wiper	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 46	300.00	2

## NINTH SCHEDULE—Continued

	First Column Description of	Second Column <i>Relevant</i>	Third Column <i>Fixed</i>	Fourth Column Demerit
	Traffic violation or Offence	Section/Regulation	Penalty \$	Points
77.	Playing a musical or noisy instrument in a vehicle without permission of the Licensing Authority	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 49	1,000.00	
78.	Driving vehicle on footpath or pavement	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 57	1,000.00	3
79.	Public Service vehicle without spare tyre	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 76(j)	750.00	
80.	Public Service vehicle importuning of passenger	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 78	750.00	
81.	Taxi Driver unsuitably attired	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 79	750.00	
82.	Placing of advertisement on side of window of taxi	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 80	300.00	
83.	Taxi unattended at head of taxi stand	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 81(2)	600.00	
84.	Failing to occupy vacant space in taxi stand	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 94(2)	750.00	

	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
85.	Parking in a public stand appointed for taxi	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 95	750.00	
86.	Stopping or parking or driving a motor vehicle on a surveillance bay	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 110A(2)	1,000.00	3
87.	Failing to preserve taxi driver's badge against loss, destruction or defacement	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 115	300.00	
88.	Failing to produce taxi driver's badge and licence on demand	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 115	450.00	2
89.	Use of Priority Bus Route by unauthorised vehicle	Special Roads (Traffic) Regulations Chap. 48:01, Regulation 2	2,000.00	6
90.	Using or causing to be used or permitting a person to use a motor vehicle or licenced trailer on a public road without a valid policy of insurance	Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third- Party Risks) Act, Chap. 48:51, section 3	1,000.00	3

	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
91.	Unauthorised driving or parking within Queen's Park Savannah	Queen's Park Act, Chap. 41:04, Regulation 1A	1,000.00	
92.	Operation of maxi- taxis outside specified route	Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53, Regulation 7(1)	1,000.00	3
93.	Vehicle painted in such a manner as to be mistaken for a maxi-taxi	Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53, section 12(1)	1,000.00	3
94.	Driving while holding or using a hand held mobile device	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 4	1,000.00	3
95.	Holding or using a hand held mobile device while supervising the holder of a provisional permit	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 5	1,000.00	3

	First Column	Second Column	Third Column	Fourth Column
	Description of Traffic violation or Offence	Relevant Section/Regulation	Fixed Penalty \$	Demerit Points
96.	Using a wireless communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message while driving or having charge of a vehicle	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations, Chap. 48:50, Regulation 7	1,000.00	3

**48.** The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Chap. 48:52 (Enforcement and Administration) Act is repealed.

49. The subsidiary legislation made under the Act, as subsidiary legislation set out in the First Column of the Schedule, are since amended schedule amended to the extent set out in the Second Column of that Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE 1

(Section 49)

Amendments to Subsidiary Legislation under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act

Subsidary Legislation	Amendment
Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations G 1.6.44	<ol> <li>In regulation 21(6), delete the words "guilty of an offence" and substitute the word "liable".</li> <li>In regulation 27(9), delete the words "is guilty of an offence" and substitute the words "would be liable".</li> <li>In regulation 27(10), delete the words "on summary conviction" and the words "or imprisonment for one year".</li> </ol>

Subsidary Legislation	Amendment
	4. In regulation 27(11), delete the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction," and substitute the words "is liable".
	5. In regulation 27(12), delete the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for one year and" and substitute the words "is liable to".
	6. In regulation 27B(5), delete the words "commits an offence and".
	7. In regulation 27B(6), delete the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for one year and" and substitute the words "is liable to".
	8. In regulation 39, delete the words "guilty of an offence" and substitute the words "liable under these Regulations".
	9. In regulation 43, delete the words "guilty of an offence" and substitute the word "liable".
	10. Repeal regulation 49 and substitute the following regulation:
	<sup>ender</sup> Prohibition on playing of musi- cal or noisy instruments in a motor vehicle 49. A person who plays or operates any instrument, television, video, radio, tape deck, compact disc player, amplifier, equaliser, or speaker or other electrical or electronic equipment for the purpose of playing music or other electrically or electronically transmitted sounds, in a motor vehicle, to the annoyance of any resident or person in a street or of any person in a place to which the public is admitted or has access, without the written permission of the Licensing

Subsidary Legislation	Amendment
	Authority, is liable under these Regulations and the driver of a motor vehicle who permits a per- son to contravene this regulation shall also be liable under these Regulations.".
	11. In regulation 84(2), delete the words "on summary conviction to a penalty" and substitute the words "to a fine".
	12. In regulation 85(2), delete the words "shall be guilty of an offence" and substitute the words "is liable under these Regulations".
	13. In regulation 110A(4), delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of fifteen hundred dollars and imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of fifteen hundred dollars".
	14. In regulation 123(2), delete the words "guilty of an offence against" and substitute the words "liable under".
	15. In Form 1 of the First Schedule, delete the words "N.B. – It is an offence under the Act to give any particulars which are not correct and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.".
	16. In Form 4 of the First Schedule, delete the words "It is an offence under the Act to give any particulars which are false or in any material respect misleading and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.".
	17. In Form 12 of the First Schedule, delete the words "It is an offence under section 94 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Ch. 48:50, for any person to "make any statement which to his knowledge is false, or in any material respect misleading", and the penalty on conviction is \$240 or six months hard labour or to both such fine and imprisonment.".

Subsidary Legislation	Amendment
Road Traffic	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary
(Prohibited	conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to
Parking) Order	imprisonment for three months" and substitute
GN 206/1979	the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Miscellaneous Roads (Unilateral Parking) Order GN 207/1979	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Miscellaneous Roads (Unilateral Alternate Parking) Order GN 208/1979	In clause 4, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Private Motor	In clause 7, delete the words "on summary
Cars (Parking	conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to
Places) Order	imprisonment for three months" and substitute
GN 214/1979	the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Public Stands	In clause 7, delete the words "on summary
(Taxis)	conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to
Parking Order	imprisonment for three months" and substitute
GN 212/1979	the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Public Stands (Motor Omnibuses) Parking Order GN 213/1979	In clause 5, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Goods Vehicles	In clause 4, delete the words "on summary
Stands	conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to
Parking Order	imprisonment for three months" and substitute
GN 215/1979	the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Parking on	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary
Dual Carriage-	conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to
ways Order	imprisonment for three months" and substitute
GN 216/1979	the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".

Subsidary Legislation	Amendment
Queen's Park Savannah Parking Order GN 73/1966	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Independence Square (Parking of Vehicles) Order GN 220/1979	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
South Quay (Parking of Vehicles) Order GN 219/1979	In clause 5, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Broadway (Parking of Vehicles) Order GN 218/1979	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
One-way Traffic Order GN 211/1979	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Eastern Main Road Traffic Order GN 58/1976	In clause 9, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Beetham Highway Order GN 60/1976	In clause 3, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Public Stand (Maxi-Taxi) Parking Order LN 141/1981	In clause 5, delete the words "on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "to a fine of one hundred dollars".

#### Subsidary Amendment Legislation Traffic Control In clause 10, delete the words "guilty of an Taxi Stand offence and is liable on summary conviction to a Location Order fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment LN 113/1988 for three months" and substitute the words "liable to a fine of five hundred dollars". Port-of-Spain In clause 7, delete the words "on summary Transit Centre conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to (Taxi Stand) imprisonment for three months" and substitute Order the words "to a fine of five hundred dollars". LN 226/1997 Port-of-Spain 1. In regulation 14, delete the words "shall Transit Centre be guilty of an offence and liable on summary (Public Service conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars for a Vehicle first offence and one thousand dollars for each Station) subsequent offence" and substitute the words "is Regulations liable to a fine of five hundred dollars for a first LN 227/1997 traffic violation and to a fine of one thousand dollars for each subsequent violation". 2. In Form 1 of the Schedule, delete the words "N.B.--It is an offence under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Ch. 48:50 to give any particulars which are not correct and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.". 3. In Form 3 of the Schedule, delete the words "N.B.: It is an offence under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Ch. 48:50 to give any particulars which are false or in any material respect misleading and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.". 4. In Form 4 of the Schedule, delete the words "N.B.: It is an offence under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Ch. 48:50 to give any particulars which are not correct and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.".

Subsidary Legislation	Amendment
Priority Bus Route (Traffic Control) Order LN 99/1988	In clause 8, delete the words "is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "is liable to a fine of five hundred dollars".
Priority Bus Route (Special Roads Toll) Regulations LN 75/1988	In regulation 8, delete the words "is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars" and substitute the words "is liable to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars".
Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Mobile Devices) Regulations LN 281/2010	1. In regulation 4(2), delete the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "is liable to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars".
	2. In regulation 5(2), delete the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "is liable to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars".
	3. In regulation 7(2), delete the words "commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months" and substitute the words "is liable to a fine of one thousand, five hundred dollars".

Passed in the Senate this 6th day of June, 2017.

## B. CAESAR

Clerk of the Senate (Ag.)

Passed in the House of Representatives this 23rd day of June, 2017.

### J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL Clerk of the House

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