

THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC BILL, 2014

List of amendments made in the House of Representatives at the Committee Stage of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Bill, 2014.

First Column Clause	Second Column Extent of amendments
Clause 4	<p>A. In the definition of “antique vehicle”, delete the word “fifty” and substitute the words “twenty-five”.</p> <p>B. Insert after the definition of maxi-taxi, the following definition: “medical practitioner” means a doctor or a phlebotomist qualified from an accredited university;</p> <p>C. Delete the definition of “vehicle” and substitute the following definition: “vehicle” includes any motor vehicle, trailer or construction equipment”.</p>
Clause 49	<p>A. In subclause (1), delete paragraph (b) and renumber paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) as paragraphs (b),(c) and (d) respectively.</p> <p>B. In subclause (3), delete the words “two years” and substitute the words “one year”.</p>
Clause 53	<p>In subclause (3), delete the words “sixty-five years” and substitute the words “seventy years”.</p>
Clause 55	<p>In subclause (5), delete the words “sixty-five years” wherever they occur and substitute the words “seventy years”.</p>
Clause 56	<p>A. Renumber subsection (2) as subsection (3).</p> <p>B. Insert after subclause (1) the following subclause: “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Authority may receive an application for renewal of a driver’s licence or a learner drivers licence within six months from the date of expiration of the licence where the applicant has proven to the satisfaction of the Authority that he would be out of the country at the time of expiration of the licence.”.</p>
Clause 86	<p>Delete the words “differently abled person” and “differently abled parking permit” wherever they occur and substitute in each the words “person with disabilities” and “person with disability parking permit” respectively.</p>

Clause 94

A. Renumber subclauses (7) and (8) as subclause (8) and (9) respectively.

B. Insert after subclause (6), the following subclauses:

“(7) A Motor Vehicles Enforcement Officer shall not issue a inspection certificate under subsection (4) if the commercial vehicle, agricultural or industrial tractor is defective or does not meet the requirements of the Act.

(8) A Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer who contravenes subregulation (7) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.”.

New Clauses
178A and
178B

Insert after clause 178, the following clauses:

“Suspension
or revocation
of Private
School Bus
Ownership
Permit

178A. (1) Subject to section 178B where the Authority is of the view that a Private School Bus Ownership Permit, issued under section 178(3) should be suspended or revoked as a result of the failure of the holder to comply with this Act, the Authority shall, suspend or revoke as it sees fit the Private School Bus Ownership Permit.

(2) Where a Private School Bus Ownership Permit has been suspended or revoked under this section the holder shall cease to operate his Private School Bus.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifteen thousand dollars.

Notice of
intention to
suspend or
revoke Private
School Bus
Ownership
Permit

178B.(1) The Authority shall prior to suspending or revoking a Private School Bus Ownership Permit, give the holder of the Private School Bus Ownership Permit written notice of its intention to suspend or revoke the Private School Bus Ownership Permit and shall in giving the holder of the Permit notice, specify a date of not less than fourteen days after the date of issue of the Notice, upon which such suspension or revocation shall take effect and shall require the person to give reasons why the Private School Bus Ownership Permit should not be suspended or revoked as the case may be.

(2) Where under subsection (1) a person

fails to give reasons or where the reasons given were not satisfactory, the Authority after taking into consideration any fact in mitigation, decides to suspend or revoke the Private School Bus Ownership Permit of the person pursuant to section 178A, the Authority shall forthwith, in writing, notify the person of the suspension or revocation.

(3) An order of suspension or revocation made under section 178A shall not take effect until the expiration of fourteen days after the Authority has informed the person against whom the order was made under subsection (2).

(4) A person whose Private School Bus Ownership Permit has been suspended or revoked by the Authority under section 178A may, within fourteen days of the receipt of the notice referred to in subsection (3), appeal to the Appeal Committee.”

- Part VIII
Clauses 105-111 Delete the words “differently abled person” and “differently abled parking permit” wherever they occur and substitute in each the words “person with disabilities” and “person with disability parking permit” respectively.
- Clause 118 In subclause (2), delete the words “or regulations made thereunder” and substitute the words “, regulations made thereunder or any other written law”.
- Clause 119 In subclause (1), insert after the words “requirements of this Act” the words “or any other written law”.
- Clause 120 Insert after subclause (2), the following subclauses:
- “(3) A Vehicle Trader Registration Certificate issued under subsection(1) shall contain such terms and conditions by which a vehicle trader shall be required to comply with in conducting his business of trading in vehicles.
- (4) A vehicle trader who contravenes any term or condition as provided for under subsection (3) shall be liable to have his Vehicle Trader Registration Certificate suspended or revoked by the Authority.”
- Clause 202 In subclause (5), delete the word “five thousand” and substitute the word “six thousand”.

- Clause 221 In subclause (1), delete the words “eight thousand” and “fifteen thousand” and substitute the words “twelve thousand” and “twenty-two thousand, five hundred” respectively.
- Clause 222 In subclause (2), delete the words “eight thousand” and “fifteen thousand” and substitute the words “twelve thousand” and “twenty-two thousand, five hundred” respectively.
- Clause 223 In subclause (5), delete the words “eight thousand” and substitute the words “twelve thousand”.
- Clause 224 A. In subclause (6), delete the words “eight thousand” and fifteen thousand” and substitute the words “twelve thousand” and “twenty-two thousand, five hundred” respectively.
- B. In subclause (11), delete the words “eight thousand”.
- Clause 226 In subclause (1), delete the words “eight thousand” and “fifteen thousand” and substitute the words “twelve thousand” and “twenty-two thousand, five hundred” respectively.
- Clause 229 A. Renumber subclause (4) as subclause (6).
- B. Insert after subclause (3) the following subclauses:
- “ (4) A person shall not drive or operate a public service vehicle if his –
- (a) breath alcohol concentration exceeds zero microgrammes of alcohol in one hundred millilitres of breath; or
- (b) blood alcohol concentration exceeds zero milligrammes of alcohol in one hundred millilitres of blood,
- or such other proportion as may be prescribed.
- (5) Subsection (3) shall not apply to a hired vehicle that is chartered for a specific social activity or event.”
- Clause 233 In subclause (2), insert after the words “been committed” the words “or to the Clerk in any other district”.
- Fifth Schedule Delete the words “differently abled person” and “differently abled parking permit” wherever they occur and substitute in each the words “person with disabilities” and “person with disability parking permit” respectively.

Seventh
Schedule

A. In paragraph 1, delete the words “Part I” and “that Part” and substitute the words “Parts I and IA” and “the respective Part” respectively.

B. Insert after paragraph 6, the following paragraphs:

“No motor
vehicle tax
on electric-
powered
vehicles

7.(1)Notwithstanding the requirements under this Schedule –

- (a) a new electric vehicle, with an engine size not exceeding 179 kilowatts; or
- (b) a used electric vehicle, with an engine size not exceeding 179 kilowatts, and which is not older than four years from the year of manufacture,

which is imported for private or commercial use on or after 1st January, 2015 and before 1st January, 2020, shall be free from motor vehicles tax.

(2)For the purposes of this paragraph, “electric vehicle” means a vehicle that is propelled by an electric motor powered by a rechargeable battery pack.

No motor
vehicle tax
on hybrid
vehicles

8.(1)Notwithstanding the requirements under this Schedule –

- (a) a new hybrid vehicle, with an engine size not exceeding 1799 cc; or
- (b) a used hybrid vehicle, with an engine size not exceeding 1799 cc, and which is not older than four years from the year of manufacture,

which is imported for private or commercial use on or after 1st January, 2015 and before 1st January, 2020, shall be free from motor vehicles tax.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, “hybrid vehicle” means a vehicle that is capable of being propelled by a combination

of an internal combustion engine and an on-board rechargeable energy system.”; and

C. Insert after Part I the following Part:

Part IA
PRITICULARS OF TAX FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

<i>Class of Description of Vehicles</i>	<i>Vehicle Tax</i> \$
(1) Private cars or rented cars, station wagons or estate wagons:	
(a) Engine size not exceeding 159 kilowatts	5.00 per kilowatt
(b) Engine size exceeding 159 kilowatts but not exceeding 179 kilowatts	8.00 per kilowatt
(c) Engine size exceeding 179 kilowatts but not exceeding 199 kilowatts	15.00 per kilowatt
(d) Engine size exceeding 199 kilowatts but not exceeding 249 kilowatts	25.00 per kilowatt
(e) Engine size exceeding 249 kilowatts but not exceeding 299 kilowatts	30.00 per kilowatt
(f) Engine size exceeding 299 kilowatts but not exceeding 349 kilowatts	35.00 per kilowatt
(g) Engine size exceeding 349 kilowatts	50.00 per kilowatt
 (2) Taxis:	
(a) Engine size not exceeding 159 kilowatts	1.50 per kilowatt
(b) Engine size exceeding 159 kilowatts but not exceeding 179 kilowatts	

	3.00 per kilowatt
(c) Engine size exceeding 179 kilowatts but not exceeding 199 kilowatts	6.00 per kilowatt
(d) Engine size exceeding 199 kilowatts but not exceeding 249 kilowatts	15.75 per kilowatt
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(e) Engine size exceeding 249 kilowatts but not exceeding 299 kilowatts	18.75 per kilowatt
(f) Engine size exceeding 299 kilowatts but not exceeding 349 kilowatts	22.50 per kilowatt
(g) Engine size exceeding 349 kilowatts	33.75 per kilowatt
 (3) Maxi-Taxis:	
(a) Engine size not exceeding 249 kilowatts	6.00 per kilowatt
(b) Engine size exceeding 249 kilowatts	8.00 per kilowatt
 (4) Goods Vehicles	2.50 per kilowatt
 (5) Tractors:	
(a) Agricultural tractors	1.00 per kilowatt
...	
(b) Industrial tractors	1.00 per kilowatt
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 (6) Private School Bus:	
(a) Engine size not exceeding 249 kilowatts	6.00 per kilowatt

(b) Engine size exceeding 249 kilowatts ... 8.00 per kilowatt

(7) Omni Bus:

(a) Engine size not exceeding 249 kilowatts ... 6.00 per kilowatt

(b) Engine size exceeding 249 kilowatts ... 8.00 per kilowatt".

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