THE MAXI -TAXI (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

The Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Bill, 2026, ("the Bill") proposes to amend the Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53 ("the Act) in order to establish a regulated framework for rural and sub-urban Communities. Under this system, the checkered band would correspond to existing route bands, using a checkered marking pattern in the route's applicable colour, to allow clear public identification and support enforcement. This system aims to improve the existing maxi-taxi banded route structure, which is primarily oriented toward establishing main corridors but does not sufficiently address rural and sub-urban service gaps, particularly first mile and last mile access.

A key amendment in this Bill is to section 13(2) of the Act, to allow for the Regulations made under section 13(1) by the Administering Authority (the Licensing Authority appointed in accordance with section 4 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50) with the approval of the Minister, to be subject to the negative resolution of Parliament, as opposed to the affirmative resolution of Parliament.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide for the Act to come into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Clause 3 of the Bill would provide for the interpretation of "the Act" to mean the Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53.

Clause 4 of the Bill would amend section 2 of the Act by –

(a) inserting the definition of "checkered band maxi-taxi"; and
(b) amending the definition of "maxi-taxi" to include checkered band maxi-taxi.

The checkered band maxi-taxis would operate along sub-route areas in rural and sub-urban communities.

Clause 5 of the Bill would amend section 13(2) of the Act, to provide that Regulations made under subsection (1) shall be subject to negative resolution of Parliament, instead of the affirmative resolution of Parliament.

Clause 6 of the Bill seeks to make two consequential amendments to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50. Firstly, in section 2, by deleting the definition of "maxi-taxi" and substituting the revised definition assigned to "maxi-taxi" in the Act. Secondly, in the Ninth Schedule, by inserting in the First Column in item 92, the words "areas or sub-route areas" to include as an offence the operation of maxi-taxis outside the specified route areas as well as sub-route areas.

A BILL

An Act to amend the Maxi-Taxi Act, Chap. 48:53 and for related matters.

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Commencement

2. This Act comes into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Interpretation
Chap. 48:53

3. In this Act, "the Act" means the Maxi-Taxi Act.

Section 2
amended

4. Section 2 of the Act is amended –

(a) by inserting after the definition of "Advisory Committee" the following definition:

" "checkered band maxi-taxi" means a maxi-taxi used for sub-route areas in rural and suburban communities;" and

(b) in the definition of "maxi-taxi", by inserting after the words "twenty-five passengers" the words "and includes checkered band maxi-taxis".

Section 13
amended

5. Section 13(2) of the Act is amended by deleting the word "affirmative" and substituting the word "negative".

Consequential
amendments
Chap. 48:50

6. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act is amended –

(a) in section 2, by deleting the definition of "maxi-taxi" and substituting the following definition:

" "maxi-taxi" has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Maxi-Taxi Act;"; and

(b) in the Ninth Schedule, in the First Column in item 92, by inserting after the words "specified route" the words "areas or sub-route areas".

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2026.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2026.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate