THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC

(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, 2026

Explanatory Note

(This note forms no part of the Bill but is intended only to indicate its general purport)

The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2026 ("the Bill"), proposes to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 ("the Act") and to establish a framework for the registration and management of classic, antique and vintage vehicles. The Bill would further allow the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation ("the Minister") to make Regulations with respect to the registration and management of classic, antique, and vintage vehicles and a reserved number registration system.

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 words "the Act" to mean the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50.

Clause 4 of the Bill would amend section 2 of the Act by inserting four new definitions in the Act, namely, "antique motor vehicle", "classic motor vehicle", "historic motor vehicle' and "vintage motor vehicle".

Clause 5 of the Bill would amend section 13 of the Act in subsections (1) and (2), in order to include the requirement that a historic motor vehicle is inspected to ensure conformity with the requirements of the Act, including its maximum gross weight and passenger accommodations, prior to registration.

Clause 6 of the Bill would amend section 15 of the Act in subsection (1), to insert four new paragraphs after paragraph *(e)*, namely *(ea)*, *(eb)*, *(ec)* and *(ed)* to indicate that the registration of a motor vehicle shall remain valid once the vehicle is kept in use and only be cancelled where the Licensing Authority is satisfied that:

(a) the vehicle has a tampered chassis;
(b) the vehicle was registered on the basis of fraudulent documents;
(c) the age of the vehicle has been misrepresented in the case of a historic motor vehicle; or
(d) the vehicle has been modified so as to materially alter the body configuration, vehicle identity or original appearance.

This clause would also provide for new subsections (6) and (7). The former subsection would indicate that a motor vehicle shall not be driven once its registration is cancelled and the owner is

notified of the cancellation. The second subsection would state that a person who contravenes subsection (6) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine or imprisonment.

Clause 7 of the Bill would insert a new section 18A. This section is included to accommodate persons who already own motor vehicles within the jurisdiction that meet the criteria for historic motor vehicles and wish to change their registration to that of a historic motor vehicle.

Clause 8 of the Bill would amend section 27(1) of the Act to provide that a Transport Officer may refuse to issue registration where the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the motor vehicle or trailer may be rendered unsafe.

Clause 9 of the Bill would amend section 50 of the Act to categorise historic motor vehicles by maximum gross weight into Classes.

Clause 10 of the Bill would amend the Act to insert two new paragraphs in section 100 of the Act. Firstly, a new paragraph *(ha)* is to be inserted after paragraph *(h)* to allow the Minister to make Regulations for the implementation of a reserved number registration system, and a new paragraph *(qa)* is to be inserted after paragraph *(q)* to allow the Minister to make Regulations to establish a framework for the registration and management of classic, antique and vintage vehicles. Both Regulations would be subject to negative resolution of Parliament.

Clause 11 of the Bill would amend the Fourth Schedule of the Act to insert new motor vehicle tax rates for historic motor vehicles based on respective engine sizes.

Clause 12 of the Bill would amend the Ninth Schedule of the Act to introduce a new fixed penalty for the offence of ‘driving a motor vehicle where the registration is cancelled, and notice of cancellation has been given’, provided for under the new subsections 15 (6) and (7), to be created under this Bill.

Clause 13 of the Bill would amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations to provide for specialised number plates for historic motor vehicles, the inspection of such vehicles, and the outfitting of vehicles with directional indicators.

A BILL

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

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2026.

Commencement

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

Interpretation Chap. 48:50

3. In this Act, "the Act" means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

Section 2 amended

4. Section 2 of the Act is amended by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence the following definitions:

" "antique motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least forty-five years old from the date of original manufacture with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kilogrammes and with seating accommodation for not more than eight persons;

"classic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least twenty-five years old from the date of original manufacture with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kilogrammes and with seating accommodation for not more than eight persons;

"historic motor vehicle" means an antique motor vehicle, a classic motor vehicle or a vintage motor vehicle; and

"vintage motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is at least ninety-five years old from the date of original manufacture with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kilogrammes and with seating accommodation for not more than eight persons.".

Section 13 amended

5. Section 13 of the Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (1), by inserting after the words "Before registering any motor vehicle" the words ", including a historic motor vehicle,"; and

(b) in subsection (2), by inserting after the words ", motor omnibus" the words ", historic motor vehicle".

Section 15 amended

6. Section 15 of the Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (1), by inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraphs:

"*(ea)* the vehicle has a tampered chassis;
(eb) the vehicle was registered on the basis of fraudulent documents;
(ec) the age of the vehicle has been misrepresented in the case of a historic motor vehicle;
(ed) the vehicle has been modified so as to materially alter the body configuration, vehicle identity or original appearance;"; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsections:

"(6) No person shall drive a motor vehicle where –

(a) the registration of the motor vehicle has been cancelled; and
(b) the owner of the motor vehicle is notified by the Licensing Authority of the cancellation in accordance with subsection (4).

(7) A person who contravenes subsection (6) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of twelve thousand dollars or imprisonment for six months.".

Section 18A inserted

7. The Act is amended by inserting after section 18, the following section:

"Re-classification of Registration as a Historic Motor Vehicle

18A. (1) Notwithstanding section 18, where the owner of a motor vehicle which is registered for use for a particular purpose intends to use the vehicle as a historic motor vehicle, he shall apply to the Licensing Authority for the registration of the vehicle for this purpose and the application shall be dealt with as if the vehicle had not been previously registered.

(2) The owner of a vehicle making an application under subsection (1) shall pay the following:

First Schedule

(a) the fees prescribed in the First Schedule for re-classification of registration of vehicle and for an amendment to the Register; and

(b) the applicable tax for registration as a historic motor vehicle, less the tax paid in respect of the motor vehicle's current registration, as prescribed in the Fourth Schedule.

(3) Where the tax paid in respect of the current registration is more than that payable for the historic motor vehicle in respect of which the new registration will apply, no tax is payable.".

Section 27 amended

8. Section 27(1) of the Act is amended, by inserting after the words "registration or refuse to" the words "issue or".

Section 50 amended

9. Section 50 of the Act is amended –

(a) in Class 3, by inserting after the words "private motor cars," the words "historic motor vehicle not exceeding a maximum gross weight of 2950 kilogrammes"; and

(b) in Class 5, by deleting the words "15000 kilogrammes" and substituting the words "15240 kilogrammes".

Section 100 amended

10. Section 100 of the Act is amended –

(a) by inserting after paragraph *(h)*, the following paragraph:

"*(ha)* the implementation of a reserved number registration system;"; and

(b) by inserting after paragraph *(q)*, the following paragraph:

"*(qa)* historic motor vehicles,".

Fourth Schedule amended

11. The Fourth Schedule of the Act is amended in Part I of Appendix A, by inserting after item (11), the following items:

"(12). Classic Motor Vehicles:

(a)	Engine size not exceeding 1599 cc … … … …	10.00 per cc
(b)	Engine size exceeding 1599 cc but not exceeding 1799 cc … … … … … … … … … …	20.00 per cc

(c)	Engine size exceeding 1799 cc but not exceeding 1999 cc … … … … … … … … … …	37.50 per cc
(d)	Engine size exceeding 1999 cc but not exceeding 2499 cc … … … … … … … … … …	50.00 per cc
(e)	Engine size exceeding 2499 cc but not exceeding 2999 cc … … … … … … … … … …	60.00 per cc
(f)	Engine size exceeding 2999 cc but not exceeding 3499 cc … … … … … … … … … …	70.00 per cc
(g)	Engine size exceeding 3499 cc … … … … …	100.00 per cc

(13). Antique Motor Vehicles:

(a)	Engine size not exceeding 1599 cc … … … …	7.50 per cc
(b)	Engine size exceeding 1599 cc but not exceeding 1799 cc … … … … … … … … … …	15.00 per cc
(c)	Engine size exceeding 1799 cc but not exceeding 1999 cc … … … … … … … … … …	28.13 per cc
(d)	Engine size exceeding 1999 cc but not exceeding 2499 cc … … … … … … … … … …	37.50 per cc
(e)	Engine size exceeding 2499 cc but not exceeding 2999 cc … … … … … … … … … …	45.00 per cc
(f)	Engine size exceeding 2999 cc but not exceeding 3499 cc … … … … … … … … … …	52.50 per cc
(g)	Engine size exceeding 3499 cc … … … … …	75.00 per cc

(14). Vintage Motor Vehicles:

(a)	Engine size not exceeding 1599 cc … … … …	6.25 per cc
(b)	Engine size exceeding 1599 cc but not exceeding 1799 cc … … … … … … … … … …	12.50 per cc

(c)	Engine size exceeding 1 799 cc but not exceeding 1999 cc … … … … … … … … … …	23.44 per cc
(d)	Engine size exceeding 1999 cc but not exceeding 2499 cc … … … … … … … … … …	31.25 per cc
(e)	Engine size exceeding 2499 cc but not exceeding 2999 cc … … … … … … … … … …	37.50 per cc
(f)	Engine size exceeding 2999 cc but not exceeding 3499 cc … … … … … … … … … …	43.75 per cc
(g)	Engine size exceeding 3499 cc … … … … …	62.50 per cc ".

Ninth Schedule amended

12. The Ninth Schedule of the Act is amended –

(a) by renumbering item 1 as item 1A; and

(b) by inserting before item 1A as renumbered, the following item:

"1.	Driving a motor vehicle where the registration is cancelled and notice of cancellation has been given.	Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, section 15(6) and (7)	7,000.00".

Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations Chap. 48:50 amended

13. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations are amended –

(a) in regulation 7(1)*(a)*(i), by inserting after the words "public service vehicles,", the words " "C" for classic motor vehicles, "A" for antique motor vehicles, "V" for vintage motor vehicles and";

(b) in regulation 27 –

(i) in subregulation (1), by inserting after the words “rental car,” the words “historic motor vehicle,”; and

(ii) in subregulation (11), by inserting after the words “or motorcycle,”, the words “historic motor vehicle,”; and

(c) in Regulation 30, by deleting the words “manufactured after 1960”.

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