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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would amend the *Transport Authority Act*, Cap. 295A to provide for the expansion of the functions of the Transport Authority and for related matters.

*Arrangement of Sections*

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 295A
3. Amendment of section 23 of Cap. 295A

## **BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Transport Authority Act*, Cap. 295A to provide for the expansion of the functions of the Transport Authority and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

**Short title**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Transport Authority (Amendment) Act, 2023*.

**Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 295A**

**2.** *Section 4 of the Transport Authority Act, Cap. 295A, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following:*

“(d) issue, suspend or cancel licences of drivers and conductors in respect of public service vehicles, motor omnibuses, minibuses and route taxis;

(e) issue, suspend or revoke permits in respect of public service vehicles, motor omnibuses, minibuses and route taxis;

(e.1) issue badges to drivers and conductors of public service vehicles, motor omnibuses, minibuses and route taxis;”.

**Amendment of section 23 of Cap. 295A**

**3.** *Section 23 of the principal Act is amended*

(a) *by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

“(1) The Authority may

(a) issue a permit;

(b) at any time, review its decision to issue or refuse a permit; or

(c) suspend or revoke any permit issued,

authorising the use of a motor vehicle as a public service vehicle, motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi.

(1A) The Authority may

(a) issue a licence; or

(b) suspend or cancel any licence it issued,

authorising a person to drive or act as conductor of a public service vehicle, motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi.

(1B) The Authority may issue a badge to a person licensed to drive or act as a conductor of a public service vehicle.”; and

(b) *by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following:*

“(4) The Minister responsible for Transport with the approval of the Minister responsible for Finance may by order, prescribe the fees to be paid in respect of permits, licences and badges issued under this section.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**Speaker**

Read three times and passed the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
, 2023.

**President**