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MOTOR CAR AND ROAD TRAFFIC (MISCELLANEOUS)
AMENDMENT ACT 2020

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WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Road Traffic Act 1947, the Motor Car Act 1951, the Traffic Offences Procedure Act 1974, the Motor Car (Examination, Licensing and Registration) Regulations 1952, the Auxiliary Bicycles (Construction, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1955 and the Auxiliary Bicycles (Examination, Licensing and Registration) Regulations 1955 to update various provisions;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act may be cited as the Motor Car and Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2020.

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Amends the Road Traffic Act 1947

2 The Road Traffic Act 1947 is amended—

(a) in section 23 by inserting the following after subsection (2)—

“(2A) No person shall drive or cause or allow to be driven a motor-cycle or auxiliary cycle which is towing another motor-cycle or auxiliary cycle on any highway or estate road.”;

(b) by inserting “at least” after “carry” in sections 25(2), 25(3), 25(5) and 25(6);

(c) by deleting “a” and substituting “one” in sections 25(3)(b) and 25(6)(b);

(d) by inserting “at least” after “carry” in sections 25(4)(a) and 25(4)(b);

(e) by deleting “10” and substituting “6” in section 26(1)(b)(ii);

(f) in section 25—

(i) in subsection (9), by deleting “a red light or a red reflector” and substituting “a coloured light or a coloured reflector”;

(ii) by inserting the following after subsection (9)—

“(9A) For the avoidance of doubt, a “coloured light” in subsection (9) is a light of any colour other than white.

(9B) No vehicle mentioned in this section shall have a light that shows any colour fitted to any part of its exterior if such light has not been fitted by the manufacturer.”;

(iii) in subsection (13) by deleting “red” in both places where it appears; and

(g) in section 26(1)(b)(iii)—

(i) by deleting “4” and substituting “2” in both places;

(ii) by deleting the proviso”.

Amends the Motor Car Act 1951

3 The Motor Car Act 1951 is amended—

(a) in section 10(2) by inserting the following after paragraph (b)—

“(ba) for the purpose of maintenance of the Royal Naval Dockyard by the West End Development Corporation (established by the West End Development Corporation Act 1982) within the Royal Naval Dockyard at Ireland Island only:

Provided that no permission shall be given under this paragraph for any motor car which is in length greater than 96 inches or in width greater than 48 inches;”;

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- (b) in section 20(1) by deleting “in addition to any” and substituting “after registering a”;
- (c) in section 68(8) by deleting “\$250” and substituting “\$1500”; and
- (d) in Schedule 1, in paragraph JA MINICARS—
 - (i) by deleting “150” and substituting “300”;
 - (ii) by deleting “115” and substituting “120”;
 - (iii) by deleting “60” and substituting “63”;
 - (iv) by deleting “20 hp or 15 kilowatts” and substituting “40 hp or 30 kilowatts”.

Amends the Traffic Offences Procedure Act 1974

4 The Traffic Offences Procedure Act 1974 is amended—

- (a) in section 5 by inserting the following after subsection (2)—

“(2A) With respect to a ticket issued pursuant to the Electronic Vehicle-Registration Act 2007, the summons shall, wherever it is practicable, be served by delivering a copy thereof to the defendant personally, or the issuing officer may send the summons and record to the defendant by registered mail at his last known address.”; and

- (b) in section 5(3) by deleting “subsection (1)” and substituting “subsections (1) and (2A)”.

Amends the Motor Car (Examination, Licensing and Registration) Regulations 1952

5 The Motor Car (Examination, Licensing and Registration) Regulations 1952 are amended—

- (a) in regulation 7(1)(a) by deleting “between the first day of December in each year and the thirtieth day of April in the following year” and substituting “of 90 days prior to the vehicle licence expiration”;
- (b) in regulation 7(1)(b) by deleting “between the first day of May and the thirty-first day of August, in each year” and substituting “of 90 days prior to the vehicle licence expiration”;
- (c) in regulation 7(1)(c) by deleting “thirtieth day of November in each year” and substituting “thirty-first day of March in the following year”;
- (d) by revoking regulation 18 and replacing it with the following—

“Expiration times

18 Motor car licences issued in respect of different classes of motor cars shall expire at the following times—

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- (a) with respect to private motor cars, the registered owner's date of birth;
 - (b) with respect to motor-cycles, twelve months succeeding the date that the licence came into force;
 - (c) with respect to motor taxis, the thirtieth day of September;
 - (d) with respect to minibuses, the thirty-first day of January; and
 - (e) with respect to all other motor cars, the end of the thirty-first day of December next succeeding the date upon which the licence came into force;";
- (e) in regulation 23(b) by deleting "sixty cents" and substituting "seventeen dollars and thirty cents"; and
- (f) in the Schedule in—
- (i) paragraph 1(1) by inserting "minicar, loaner or guided tour vehicle," after "motorcycle,";
 - (ii) paragraph 2(1) by deleting "white upon a black surface" and substituting "black upon a white surface";
 - (iii) paragraph 2(3) by deleting "white against a black background" and substituting "black against a white background";
 - (iv) paragraph 3A(b) by deleting "six" and substituting "seven"; and
 - (v) paragraph 4(a) by deleting "white on a green background" and substituting "green on a white background".

Amends the Auxiliary Bicycles (Construction, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1955
6 The Auxiliary Bicycles (Construction, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1955 are amended—

- (a) in regulation 7(1) by inserting "a minimum of at least" after "carry"; and
- (b) by revoking regulation 11.

Amends the Auxiliary Bicycles (Examination, Licensing and Registration) Regulations 1955

7 The Auxiliary Bicycles (Examination, Licensing and Registration) Regulations 1955 are amended in regulation 13(2) by—

- (a) deleting "in white on a red background" and substituting "in red on a white background"; and
- (b) deleting "in black on a white background" and substituting "in white on a blue background".

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Commencement

8 This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Minister responsible for transport may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

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