

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295*

- (a) to make provision for privately owned garages to inspect and examine certain vehicles;
- (b) to increase the age at which a medical certificate is required to renew a driving licence;
- (c) to provide the period of renewal of a driving licence for persons from the age of 75 years to the age of 85 years;
- (d) to provide the period of renewal of a driving licence for persons over the age of 85 years; and
- (e) to provide for related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 295
3. Repeal and replacement of section 3 of Cap. 295
4. Amendment of section 76 of Cap. 295

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the *Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2023*.

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 295

2. *Section 2 of the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definition:*

“ “approved garage” means a garage approved by the Minister in accordance with section 3(3);”.

Repeal and replacement of section 3 of Cap. 295

3. *Section 3 of the principal Act is deleted and the following substituted:*

“Appointment and duties of examiners or inspectors in respect of motor vehicles

3.(1) The Licensing Authority may authorise such number of

- (a) public officers; and
- (b) privately owned garages,

as it thinks necessary to be vehicle examiners for the purpose of inspecting and examining motor vehicles in order to determine the road worthiness of the vehicles and to issue certificates in accordance with this Act.

(2) The Licensing Authority may authorise such public officers as it thinks necessary to be transport inspectors to monitor and report on ground transportation systems to ensure that owners and drivers of motor vehicles conform to the provisions of the Act and regulations made thereunder with respect to the operation and licensing of a motor vehicle.

(3) The Minister may by order designate a privately owned garage as an approved garage for the purpose of inspecting and examining motor vehicles in order to determine the roadworthiness of the vehicles and to issue certificates in accordance with this Act.

(4) A person appointed or authorised by the Licensing Authority to be a vehicle examiner shall inspect any motor vehicle or trailer at the request of a member of the Police Service or a transport inspector.

(5) Subsection (4) shall not apply where the Licensing Authority has authorised a privately owned garage to be a vehicle examiner in accordance with subsection (1).”.

Amendment of section 76 of Cap. 295

4. Section 76 the Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295 is amended

(a) by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following:

“(5) Where the holder of a driving licence

(a) is 75 years of age and not more than 85 years of age, the licence of that holder may be renewed for a period not exceeding 2 years from the date that the renewed licence is issued; or

(b) is over 85 years of age, the licence of that holder may be renewed for a period of one year from the date that the renewed licence is issued,

where that person submits a medical certificate to the Licensing Authority signed by a medical practitioner as to that person’s physical fitness.”; and

(b) by deleting subsection (7) and substituting the following:

“(7) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a driving licence may be issued to an applicant who is 75 years of age and not more than 85 years of age for a period not exceeding 2 years.”.

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