

ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Road Traffic Act (*Ch.220*), may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2023.

2. Amendment of section 5 of the principal Act.

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (6) and the substitution of the following —

“(6) Notwithstanding subsection (2), there shall be payable in respect of a record referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (2)(d), the appropriate fee specified in the *Schedule* to this Act.”.

3. Amendment of section 31 of the principal Act.

Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion, immediately after subsection (2), of the new subsections (2A) and (2B) as follows —

“(2A) An owner of a motor vehicle that has been registered and licensed as a private motor vehicle, shall not cause or permit any other person to use his motor vehicle on any road for a fee, without first obtaining a self drive public service licence, including where the

use of the private motor vehicle is offered as amenity to another product or service the owner is offering for sale.

- (2B) An owner of a private motor vehicle who contravenes subsection (2A) commits an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than five hundred dollars but not exceeding one thousand dollars.”.

4. Amendment of the Schedule to principal Act.

The Schedule to the principal Act is amended under the heading “B. In the whole of The Bahamas —”, by the insertion immediately after paragraph 1, of the new paragraph 1A as follows —

“1A. For the issue of a motor vehicle licence history record\$50.00”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend section 5 of the Road Traffic Act (*Ch. 220*) “the principal Act”, to enable a fee, greater than \$1.00 per page, to be charged to a person, for the purpose of obtaining a motor vehicle licence history record.

Clause 3 of the Bill amends section 31 of the principal Act, to prohibit the owner of a motor vehicle licensed as a private motor vehicle from renting it to another person and an owner who contravenes the provision is liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than five hundred dollars but not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend the Schedule to the principal Act in order to introduce a new fee of \$50.00 for the purpose of obtaining a motor vehicle licence history record.