

Motor Car (Registration and Drivers' Licences) Bill

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 provides for the short title and commencement of the Act.

Clause 2 introduces the new administrative fee payable in respect of the registration and renewal of certain categories of vehicles which were previously exempt.

Clause 3 enables the Transport Regulation Board to enter into agreements for the payment of registration renewals through agents, and provides for the continued security of vehicle records by providing severe penalties for unauthorized dissemination of information.

Clause 4 provides for increased charges for number plates and replacement plates.

Clauses 5 and 6 provide for increased charges for the issue of general identification marks and the annual fee payable in respect of those marks for manufacturers, dealers, fleet owners, licensed vehicle testers and approved persons who provide a service of inspecting and checking vehicles for mechanical condition.

Clause 7 is a consequential amendment due to the introduction of the \$10 administrative fee.

Clause 8 enables the introduction of a streamlined system for notifying transfer of registration and extends the period within which the Transport Regulation Board must be notified of the change in ownership.

Clause 9 increases the fees payable for the issue and renewal of licences for vehicle examiners and testers.

Clause 10 introduces a six-year licence and fixes the fee. Provision is made to enable a phasing in of the new six-year licence over a period of three years.

Clause 11 increases the maximum amounts payable for appointment and testing fees for drivers' licences.

Clause 12 increases the surcharge imposed on licences of drivers who are convicted of serious driving offences or accumulate nine demerit points within a three-year period.

Clause 13 is a consequential amendment due to the introduction of the six-year licence.

Clause 14 increases fees payable for motor car learners' permits and increases the period of such permits to two years.

Clause 15 raises the charge for a motor driving instructor's licence and the fees for appointment and testing for such licences.

Clause 16 is a consequential amendment due to the introduction of the six-year licence.

Clause 17 enables regulations to be made with respect to renewal of registration through agents and to enable administration charges to be set for reservation of number plates, and searches of and extracts from the register.

Clause 18 amends the Second Schedule of the Act to recognize urban and country charter vehicles as a separate licence category, and excludes private trailers owned by municipalities for which the \$10 administrative fee will also be payable.

Clause 19 introduces complementary amendments to the *Motor Car (Drivers' Licences) Act 1981* which is yet to be proclaimed, to provide conformity with the provisions of this Act.

Clause 20 makes consequential amendments to certain sections of the *Motor Car (Mass and Dimension Limits) Act 1981* which are yet to be proclaimed.

Clause 21 makes a consequential amendment to the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act 1958*.