

JAMAICA

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I assent,

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Sgd. P. L. Allen
Governor-General.

31st day of December 2018

AN ACT to Repeal and Replace the Road Traffic Act; to establish the Island Traffic Authority as the authority for the regulation and control of traffic on roads; to improve road safety and transport efficiency and reduce the cost of administering road transport; to create new categories of driver's licences; and for connected matters.

[*The date notified by the Minister
bringing the Act into operation*]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

PART I—*Preliminary*

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic Act, 2018 and, subject to subsection (2), shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*.

Short title
and
commence-
ment.

(2) Different days may be appointed for the coming into operation of different provisions of this Act.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Authority” means the Island Traffic Authority established by section 3;

“certificate of competence” means a certificate issued to a driver by the Authority certifying the competence of the driver to drive a motor vehicle of the category indicated on the certificate;

“certificate of fitness” means a certificate issued by the Authority certifying that a vehicle is in compliance with the prescribed requirements as to the fitness of the vehicle;

“chairman” means the chairman of the Authority;

“child” in relation to a child restraint system, includes any person who is under twelve years old and any person whose height or build is such that the person experiences or is likely to experience problems or difficulty with the prescribed upper anchorage point of a seat belt;

“child restraint system” means a restraint system, or another device or combination of devices, for use in a vehicle that is—

- (a) designed to diminish the risk of injury to a child in the event of an abrupt deceleration or acceleration of the vehicle in which the child is seated or a collision involving the vehicle, by limiting the mobility of the body of the child;
- (b) designed either to be fixed directly to a suitable anchorage or to be used in conjunction with a seat belt and held in place by the restraining action of that seat belt; and
- (c) fitted in the vehicle in accordance with the specifications of the vehicle manufacturer and of a type which complies with the standards

declared by the Bureau of Standards established by section 3 of the *Standards Act* to meet the standard specification for seat belts and other safety belt assemblies and anchorages for child restraint systems;

“commercial motor vehicle” means—

- (a) a motor truck with an unladen weight exceeding 5,000 kilogrammes, whether used for private or commercial purposes; or
- (b) any other motor vehicle that is used to carry persons or goods in connection with any trade or business;

“constable” means a member of the Constabulary Force;

“Constabulary Force” means the Jamaica Constabulary Force or the Rural Police;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of Road Traffic appointed under paragraph 1(1) of the Seventh Schedule;

Seventh
Schedule.

“document” means, in addition to a document in writing, any thing or manner in which information of any description is recorded or stored;

“driver’s licence”—

(a) means—

- (i) a licence referred to in section 25(1) which entitles the holder to drive a motor vehicle of the category noted on the licence on a road, subject to any condition noted on the licence; or
- (ii) a driving permit referred to in section 41(1), which entitles the holder, while in Jamaica, to drive a motor vehicle of the

category noted on the licence on a road,
subject to any condition noted on the
licence; but

(b) does not include a permit;

“Driver’s Licence Register” means the register required to be kept
under section 39;

“Driver’s Offences Register” means the register of offences
committed by drivers under this Act, established and
maintained under section 125(3);

‘emergency vehicle’ means—

- (a) a vehicle carrying officers or firemen or fire
equipment of the Jamaica Fire Brigade or
members of the Constabulary Force to or from—
 - (i) the scene of a fire or place from which an
alarm of fire has been sent;
 - (ii) the scene of a crime or a vehicle collision;
 - (iii) a place where there is traffic congestion
or civil disturbance; or
 - (iv) a rescue operation;
- (b) any ambulance attached to a public health facility
as defined in the *National Health Services Act*,
or the University Hospital of the West Indies, or
to any military hospital, carrying hospital attendants
or appliances to or from a place where a person
has been reported to the hospital to be in
immediate need of medical attention;
- (c) any ambulance, not being an ambulance referred
to in paragraph (b), which is approved by the
Minister responsible for health as being suitably
equipped for the purpose of carrying any medical
attendant or appliance to or from a place where a

person has been reported to the person operating the ambulance as being in immediate need of medical attention; or

- (d) any motor vehicle used by the Correctional Services in the transportation of inmates;

“functions” includes powers and duties;

“licence decal” means a licence sticker issued by the Authority in the licensing of a motor vehicle;

“licensing area or traffic area” means the area from time to time prescribed by the Minister as a licensing area or a traffic area, as the case may be;

“Local Authority” means, in relation to—

- (a) the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew, the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation;
- (b) a parish, other than Kingston and St. Andrew, the Municipal Corporation for that parish;
- (c) a municipality, the City Council or Town Council for that municipality;

“major road” means a road declared by the Minister as such under section 54;

“member” means a member of the Authority;

“motor vehicle” means—

- (a) a vehicle with motive power; or
- (b) a trailer when pulled or towed by a vehicle with motive power, falling within any classification under section 6;

“motor vehicle licence” means a licence granted under this Act in respect of a motor vehicle;

“National Vehicle Register” means the register required to be kept under section 11;

“overtaking”, in relation to a vehicle, means passing or attempting to pass any other vehicle that—

- (a) is proceeding in the same direction; or
- (b) is stationary on the same side of the road;

“pedestrian crossing” means any portion of a road, whether at an intersection or elsewhere, designated by the Authority for crossing by pedestrians, and distinctly marked for such crossing in such manner as may be prescribed;

“permit” means a learner’s permit, which entitles the holder to learn to drive a motor vehicle of the category noted on the learner’s permit on a road, subject to the conditions noted on the permit;

“the regulations” means the regulations made under sections 109 and 110;

“road” includes—

- (a) any main road under the *Main Roads Act* or parochial road under the *Parochial Roads Act*;
- (b) a bridge over or under which a road passes;
- (c) a culvert over which a road passes;
- (d) any other roadway or thoroughfare declared to be a major road; and
- (e) any roadway or thoroughfare to which the public has access by means of a vehicle;

“Road Authority”, in relation to any road, means the authority responsible for the construction and maintenance of the road, including, as the case may be, any of the following persons—

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer of the National Works Agency;
 - (b) the Chief Engineering Officer of a Local Authority;
- or

- (c) any other person declared to be a Road Authority under section 54(1)(b);

“Road Code” means the code made under section 87;

“Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal” or “Tribunal” means the Tribunal established by section 44;

“school crossing warden” means any person appointed to patrol in accordance with the arrangements made under section 80;

“seat belt” means an arrangement of straps—

- (a) fixed to a motor vehicle as prescribed;
- (b) with a securing buckle and adjusting devices that comply with the standards prescribed by the regulations; and
- (c) designed to diminish the risk of injury to its wearer, in the event of a collision or of an abrupt deceleration or acceleration of the motor vehicle, by limiting the mobility of the body of the wearer;

“standard” means any code of practice, standard specification, compulsory standard specification or standard method adopted, adapted or prescribed by the Bureau of Standards established by section 3 of the *Standards Act*;

“traffic” includes bicycles, tricycles, vehicles, tramcars, processions, pedestrians, bodies of troops and all animals being ridden, driven or led while using a road;

“traffic sign” includes—

- (a) a marking on the surface of a road;
- (b) a traffic light or other traffic signal (whether an automatic electric signal or otherwise);
- (c) a warning sign;

- (d) a direction post and sign (including a stop sign);
and
- (e) any other device for the guidance or direction of
persons using roads;

“trailer”—

- (a) means a vehicle without motive power that—
 - (i) is designed for the carrying of goods or
freight or persons wholly on its own
structure; and
 - (ii) is not capable of being propelled in the
course of normal use on roads without
being towed by a vehicle with motive
power; but
- (b) does not include—
 - (i) a sidecar attached to a motor cycle;
 - (ii) a vehicle normally propelled by
mechanical power while it is being
temporarily towed without the use of its
own power;
 - (iii) a vehicle with motive power being towed;
or
 - (iv) any thing declared by the regulations to
be excluded from this definition;

“vehicle” includes every description of carriage or other artificial
contrivance used or capable of being used as transportation
on land.

(2) A reference in this Act to a class of driver’s licence or a
licence to drive certain vehicles means a licence of one of the following
classes, subject to such restrictions as may be specified, that is to say—

- (a) Class A driver’s licence, which entitles the holder thereof to
drive a motor cycle;

- (b) Class B driver’s licence, which entitles the holder thereof to drive, not for reward, trucks, motor cars (not being public passenger motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles) and vehicles specially modified for persons with a prescribed physical disability; and
- (c) Class C driver’s licence, which entitles the holder thereof to drive, whether for reward or otherwise, such category of motor vehicles as may be prescribed and specified in the licence.

PART II—*Island Traffic Authority*

3.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, there is established a body to be called the Island Traffic Authority which shall be a body corporate to which section 28 of the *Interpretation Act* applies.

Establishment of Island Traffic Authority.

(2) The Seventh Schedule shall have effect in relation to the Authority.

Seventh Schedule.

4.—(1) The Authority shall perform the functions necessary to regulate and control traffic on roads, including the functions set out in the Eighth Schedule.

Functions of Island Traffic Authority.
Eighth Schedule.

(2) The Authority may delegate to any person the performance of such of its functions (other than the power of delegation and the power to make regulations) as it may, from time to time, consider to be necessary.

(3) A delegation of any function under subsection (2) is revocable by the Authority and the delegation shall not preclude the performance of that function by the Authority.

(4) The Minister may, after consultation with the chairman of the Authority, give to the Authority directions in writing of a general character as to the policy to be followed by the Authority in the performance of its functions, as appear to the Minister to be necessary in the public interest; and the Authority shall give effect to the directions of the Minister.

Members of
Authority.

5.—(1) For the due administration of the Act, there shall be members of the Authority.

(2) The members of the Authority shall be responsible for the policy and strategic direction of the Authority.

Ninth
Schedule.

(3) The Ninth Schedule shall have effect in relation to the members of the Authority.

PART III—*Classification, Fitness and Registration
of Motor Vehicles*

Classification
of motor
vehicles.

6.—(1) Motor vehicles shall be classified, for the purposes of this Act and the regulations, as the following—

- (a) tractors, that is to say, motor vehicles which are not constructed to carry any load other than water, fuel, accumulators and other equipment used for the purpose of propulsion, loose tools and loose equipment;
- (b) motor trucks, that is to say, motor vehicles (not being classified under this section as motor cars or motor cycles) which are constructed for the purpose of carrying a load or passengers or both;
- (c) motor cars, that is to say, motor vehicles (not being classified under this section as motor trucks or motor cycles) which are—
 - (i) constructed primarily for the carriage of persons;
 - (ii) adapted to carry not more than seven passengers, exclusive of the driver;
- (d) private motor vehicles, that is to say, motor vehicles whether “motor trucks” or “motor cars” within the meaning of this section (not being commercial motor vehicles) constructed primarily for the carriage of persons and their effects and used exclusively for personal purposes;
- (e) motor cycles, that is to say, motor vehicles with fewer than four wheels;

(f) trailers, that is to say, unpowered vehicles pulled or towed by motor vehicles.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, where—

(a) a motor vehicle is fitted with a crane, dynamo, welding plant or other special appliance or apparatus which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture, the appliance or apparatus shall not be deemed to constitute a load but shall be deemed to form part of the vehicle; and

(b) a sidecar is attached to a motor cycle, the sidecar shall be regarded as forming part of the motor cycle to which it is attached.

*Fitness, Registration and Licensing of
Motor Vehicles*

7.—(1) Except in accordance with this Act and the regulations, a person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a road or cause a motor vehicle to be driven on a road unless—

Restriction
on driving
motor
vehicle, etc.

(a) there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle, a valid certificate of fitness;

(b) the motor vehicle is registered in the prescribed manner;

(c) there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle, a valid motor vehicle licence obtained in the prescribed manner; and

(d) there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle, insurance coverage in accordance with the *Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act*.

(2) The driver of a motor vehicle on a road shall carry evidence of a type prescribed that—

(a) there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle, a valid certificate of fitness;

(b) the motor vehicle is registered in the prescribed manner;

(c) there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle, a valid motor vehicle licence obtained in the prescribed manner; and

- (d) there is in force in respect of the motor vehicle, insurance coverage in accordance with the *Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act*;

and shall provide the evidence for inspection upon demand by a constable.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

Application and issue of certificate of fitness.

8.—(1) A person seeking to obtain a certificate of fitness in respect of a motor vehicle shall apply to the Authority in the prescribed form and manner.

(2) The Authority shall, on the payment of the prescribed fee, issue to the applicant a certificate of fitness in respect of the motor vehicle for which the application has been made under subsection (1) if the prescribed requirements as to the fitness of the motor vehicle are met.

(3) The Authority shall refuse to issue a certificate of fitness to the applicant if the prescribed requirements as to the fitness of the motor vehicle are not met.

Revocation of certificate of fitness.

9.—(1) The Authority may, at any time after a certificate of fitness has been issued for a motor vehicle, revoke that certificate of fitness, if on the inspection of the motor vehicle it does not comply with the prescribed requirements as to the fitness of the motor vehicle.

(2) Where a certificate of fitness is revoked pursuant to subsection (1), the motor vehicle licence shall not be in force until a new certificate of fitness has been obtained in respect of that motor vehicle.

Application for motor vehicle registration.

10.—(1) A person seeking to register a motor vehicle under this Act shall apply to the Authority in the prescribed form and manner and pay the prescribed fees.

(2) The Authority, on the receipt of an application under subsection (1), may—

- (a) register the motor vehicle in the prescribed manner; or

- (b) refuse to register the motor vehicle, stating to the applicant in writing the reasons for the refusal.

11.—(1) Subject to subsection (3), the Authority shall—

National
Vehicle
Register.

- (a) keep a register of prescribed vehicles to be called the “National Vehicle Register”; and
- (b) in accordance with section 10, cause an entry to be made in the National Vehicle Register to include the prescribed information for every—
 - (i) prescribed vehicle imported into Jamaica; and
 - (ii) prescribed vehicle registered under section 10.

(2) The Authority shall use its best efforts to enter into the National Vehicle Register prescribed information for prescribed vehicles, whether imported into or manufactured in Jamaica.

(3) Where—

- (a) a prescribed vehicle was imported into Jamaica on or before the date of commencement of this Act;
- (b) the Authority is satisfied that the prescribed vehicle was lawfully imported into Jamaica; and
- (c) the owner of the prescribed vehicle is unable to provide the information prescribed pursuant to subsection (1),

the Authority may, on an application under section 12, cause an entry containing such of the prescribed information as is available to the Authority to be entered in the National Vehicle Register.

12.—(1) A person seeking to obtain a motor vehicle licence in respect of any motor vehicle shall apply to the Authority in the prescribed form and manner.

Application
for motor
vehicle
licence.

(2) An application for a motor vehicle licence under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) a valid certificate of fitness in respect of the motor vehicle;

- (b) proof of motor vehicle insurance coverage in accordance with the *Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act* in respect of the motor vehicle;
- (c) proof of payment Act in respect of that motor vehicle of the prescribed annual licence duty referred to in section 17(1).”.

Grant or
refusal of
motor
vehicle
licence.

13.—(1) The Authority, on receipt of an application for a motor vehicle licence under section 12, may—

- (a) in the prescribed form and manner, grant the licence and issue in respect of the motor vehicle for which the application has been made—
 - (i) a registration plate;
 - (ii) a licence decal; and
 - (iii) a registration certificate; or
- (b) refuse to grant the licence, stating, in writing, the reasons for the refusal.

(2) Subject to this Act and the regulations, registration plates shall be effective for the period during which the motor vehicle is kept for use on a road.

(3) A person commits an offence if the person uses registration plates or a licence decal issued under subsection (1)(a) for a motor vehicle, other than the motor vehicle for which the application has been made.

(4) Where a motor vehicle—

- (a) is brought into Jamaica by a person intending to stay in Jamaica temporarily; or
- (b) forms part of the inventory of a motor vehicle dealer,

a person commits an offence if the person fails to operate that motor vehicle in compliance with the prescribed requirements and the conditions under which a licence is granted in respect of the motor vehicle.

- (5) Subject to subsection (6), a person commits an offence—
- (a) if, on a road, the person uses a motor vehicle—
 - (i) in contravention of the terms of the motor vehicle licence;
 - (ii) with the registration plates or licence decal—
 - (A) not affixed or not kept affixed to the motor vehicle as required by this Act and the regulations;
 - (B) affixed in such a manner so as to render them in any way obscured or not easily distinguishable; or
 - (C) obscured in such a manner that the characters thereon cannot be read;
 - (iii) which is not licensed in accordance with this Act;
 - (b) if the person forges or, with fraudulent intent, alters, uses or allows to be used by any other person, any licence or any licensing or registration marks or plates issued under this Act;
 - (c) if, with intent to enable another person to use a motor vehicle licence or registration plates not issued in respect of that vehicle under this Act, he gives, lends or otherwise makes available the same to that other person.

(6) Where a motor vehicle is used in contravention of subsection (3), (4) or (5), the motor vehicle shall be liable to be seized by a constable and kept in the custody of the Constabulary Force until the requirements of this section have been complied with.

(7) A person shall not be convicted of an offence, nor shall a motor vehicle used by the person be liable to be seized under this section if the person proves that he had no reasonable opportunity of licensing the motor vehicle and that the motor vehicle is being driven on the road for the purpose of having its fitness tested in connection with it being licensed.

(8) Where a motor vehicle is seized by a constable pursuant to subsection (6), the Constabulary Force shall have a duty of care and protection of the motor vehicle while it is in the custody of the Constabulary Force.

(9) The provisions of sections 95 and 96 shall apply in respect of a motor vehicle seized under this section.

Duration of
motor
vehicle
licence and
grace period.

14.—(1) A motor vehicle licence may be granted for a period of twelve months or a period of six months, commencing from the first day of the month in which the licence first has effect.

(2) The licence duty payable under section 17 on a motor vehicle shall, if the licence is taken out for a period of—

- (a) twelve months, be paid at the annual rate of duty applicable to that motor vehicle; or
- (b) six months, be an amount equal to one-half of the annual rate of duty applicable to that motor vehicle.

(3) For the purposes of this Act—

- (a) the grant of a motor vehicle licence under section 13 shall take effect upon the expiry of an earlier motor vehicle licence, and the application for a grant may not be made earlier than ninety days before the date of expiry of the earlier motor vehicle licence; and
- (b) without prejudice to paragraph (a) or to collection at the time when the licence duty for a motor vehicle is actually being paid, enforcement of any provision for the collection or recovery of the motor vehicle licence duty payable under section 17, shall not be undertaken during the month of grace and the earlier motor vehicle licence shall, during the month of grace or until renewed during that month, be regarded as still in force.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), “the month of grace”, in relation to any motor vehicle licence, means the period of one month immediately after the expiry of the licence.

(5) Except in such circumstances as may be prescribed, every application for a motor vehicle licence shall be deemed to be an application for a motor vehicle licence to take effect immediately after the date of expiry of the previous motor vehicle licence and, the motor vehicle licence duty shall be payable accordingly.

(6) The provisions of sections 15 and 18 of the *Tax Collection Act* (which relate to the payment of taxes in installments) shall not apply to any motor vehicle licence duty payable in accordance with this section.

15.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a motor vehicle licence may be renewed by the Authority if—

Renewal of motor vehicle licence.

- (a) an application for renewal is made in the prescribed form and manner; and
- (b) the applicant satisfies the requirements of section 12(?)

(2) The Authority shall not renew a motor vehicle licence in any of the following circumstances, namely, if the applicant for the licence has not paid—

- (a) the fixed penalty in respect of the commission of an offence specified in the First Schedule; or
- (b) the fine in respect of the commission of an offence specified in the Second Schedule.

First Schedule.

Second Schedule.

16.—(1) Where any motor vehicle in respect of which a motor vehicle licence (in this section called the “original motor vehicle licence”) has been granted, is used or is altered in a manner that a higher or lower licence duty is applicable to the motor vehicle, the original motor vehicle licence shall immediately become null and void and the holder of the original motor vehicle licence shall surrender it to the Authority forthwith.

Surrender of original motor vehicle licence for alteration, etc.

(2) The holder of the original motor vehicle licence shall, on surrendering the licence and furnishing the prescribed particulars of the altered motor vehicle, be entitled to receive a new licence in respect of the motor vehicle for the same period for which the original licence was valid, on payment of such amount, if any, as represents the difference between the amount payable on the new licence and the amount paid on the surrendered licence.

(3) A motor vehicle licence granted under this Part may be transferred in the prescribed form and manner.

Licence
duties for
motor
vehicles.
Third
Schedule.

17.—(1) The rate of annual licence duties payable to the Authority in respect of a motor vehicle kept for use on a road shall be the appropriate rate specified in the Third Schedule.

(2) Subject to this Act, the annual licence duty shall be collectable, recoverable and enforceable under the provisions of any enactment for the time being in force regulating the payment, collection, recovery and enforcement of taxes or duties.

(3) The licence duties charged under this section shall be paid in relation to a licence granted to the owner or person in charge of the motor vehicle; and the licence shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, or specified in the licence.

(4) Without limiting the effect of any other enactment, no duties shall be payable under this section in respect of—

- (a) prescribed categories of motor vehicles owned or operated by a Ministry or Department of Government;
- (b) fire engines;
- (c) road rollers; or
- (d) tractors used exclusively within the limits of an estate or farm or upon any road running through an estate or farm and within the limits of the estate or farm.

Minister may
revoke,
increase,
reduce or
alter licence
duty.
Third
Schedule.

18.—(1) The Minister responsible for finance, after consultation with the Minister, may, by order, revoke, increase, reduce or alter any licence duty specified in the Third Schedule and may add any licence duty to that Schedule.

(2) Every order made under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution and may contain such consequential, supplemental or ancillary provisions as appear to the Minister responsible for finance to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving due effect to the order.

19.—(1) All licence duties and fees paid or payable under this Act, other than the proportion of licence duties on motor vehicles specified in subsections (2) and (3), shall be paid to or accrue to the Authority.

Payment of licence duties and fees to the Authority and into the Parochial Revenue Fund.

(2) An amount equivalent to 66 and 2/3 per cent of licence duties on motor vehicles shall be paid into and shall accrue to the Parochial Revenue Fund established by section 6A of the *Parochial Rates and Finance Act*.

(3) An amount equivalent to 33 and 1/3 per cent of licence duties on motor vehicles shall be reserved for the maintenance of main roads.

PART IV—*Licensing of Drivers*

Restriction on Driving Without Permit or Driver's Licence

20.—(1) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a road unless the person is the holder of a permit or driver's licence.

Restriction on driving without a permit or driver's licence, etc

(2) A person shall not employ or permit another person to drive a motor vehicle on a road, unless the person so employed or permitted to drive is the holder of a driver's licence entitling that person to drive the motor vehicle.

(3) Every holder of a permit or driver's licence who is—

- (a) driving a motor vehicle on a road;
- (b) accompanying another person who is learning to drive a motor vehicle on a road; or
- (c) learning to drive a motor vehicle on a road,

shall have the permit or licence in the motor vehicle and, on being so required by a constable in uniform or who shows his identifying documents as a constable, produce his permit or driver's licence, or such other document constituting evidence thereof as may be prescribed, for examination by the constable.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (3) commits an offence.

*Application, Grant and Refusal of Permit or
Driver's Licence*

Application
for driver's
licence and
learner's
permit.

21.—(1) Every person who is desirous of obtaining—

- (a) a learner's permit; or
- (b) a driver's licence,

shall apply to the Authority in the prescribed form and manner to be issued with the permit or driver's licence.

(2) It shall be an offence to—

- (a) apply for or hold a permit or driver's licence in circumstances where the applicant holds another permit or driver's licence of the same class; or
- (b) provide false or misleading information to the Authority on an application under subsection (1).

(3) An application under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by the prescribed application fee.

(4) Where the Authority thinks necessary, it may require an applicant for a permit or driver's licence to furnish such additional information or documents as it specifies.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (2), two or more permits or driver's licences shall, unless the contrary is proven by the licensee, be deemed as having been granted to the same person, if his photograph appears thereon, notwithstanding the fact that the permits or driver's licences are in names other than his own.

Fitness or
ability to
drive.

22.—(1) An application for the issue of a permit or driver's licence shall include—

- (a) a declaration by the applicant, in the prescribed form, stating whether the applicant has, or has had at any time (or, if a period is prescribed for the purposes of this section, has, or had, during that period) any prescribed disease or disability; and

- (b) the required medical certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner, in the prescribed form, certifying that the applicant does not have a prescribed disease or disability,

and for the purposes of paragraph (b), where the required certificate is submitted by the applicant for a permit, the Authority shall not require a further certificate for the issue of a driver's licence to the applicant unless it appears to the Authority that the applicant has a prescribed disease or disability that was not disclosed in the declaration under paragraph (a).

(2) Subject to subsection (1), where the applicant has, or has had at any time (or, if a period is prescribed for the purposes of this section, has, or had, during that period), any prescribed disease or disability, the Authority shall not grant to the applicant, a permit or driver's licence unless the Authority is satisfied that the applicant is fit to drive a motor vehicle that has been modified so as to allow the applicant to operate the motor vehicle despite his disease or disability.

(3) Where the applicant meets all the other requirements to be granted a permit or a driver's licence and the Authority certifies that the testing of the applicant proves his fitness and ability to drive a motor vehicle of a particular construction or design only, the Authority shall not refuse to grant a permit under section 23(1) or a driver's licence under section 25(1), however, the conditions in the licence shall be limited to the driving of vehicles of that construction or design.

(4) Subsection (5) applies where, on considering an application for a driver's licence, the Authority ascertains that a driver's licence was previously issued to the applicant after passing the test mentioned in subsection (3).

(5) The Authority shall not require a further test unless, based on the declaration as to physical fitness made by the applicant, or from information received by the Authority, it appears that—

- (a) the prescribed disease or disability has become more acute; or
- (b) the applicant has another prescribed disease or disability not disclosed on the previous occasion.

(6) If it appears from the applicant's declaration, or if on inquiry the Authority is satisfied from other information, that the applicant has a prescribed disease or disability, the Authority shall, subject to this section, refuse to grant the licence.

(7) The Authority shall not by virtue of subsection (6) refuse to grant a licence—

- (a) on account of any prescribed disease or disability, if the applicant has at any time passed a relevant test and it does not appear to the Authority that the prescribed disease or disability has arisen or become more acute since that time or was, for whatever reason, not disclosed to the Authority at that time; or
- (b) on account of any prescribed disease or disability, if the applicant satisfies such conditions as may be prescribed with a view to authorising the grant of a licence to a person in whose case the prescribed disease or disability is appropriately controlled.

(8) Where—

- (a) it appears to the Authority that there is reason to believe that the holder of a driver's licence has a prescribed disease or disability likely to cause the driving by him of a motor vehicle to be a source of danger to the public; and
- (b) on enquiry into the matter, the Authority is satisfied that the licence holder has a prescribed disease or disability.

the Authority shall so certify in the prescribed form and give notice, in writing, to the holder of the driver's licence of its intention to revoke the driver's licence in accordance with section 34.

(9) The Authority may revoke a permit or driver's licence in the circumstances set out in subsection (8).

(10) The holder of the permit or driver's licence that is proposed to be revoked under subsection (9) may, except in the case of a prescribed disease or disability, make a request in writing to be subjected

to the prescribed test as to his fitness or ability to drive a motor vehicle; and, if he passes the prescribed test, the permit or driver's licence shall not be revoked.

(11) Where a permit or driver's licence is revoked under this section the holder shall return the permit or driver's licence forthwith to the Authority.

(12) A person who fails to return a permit or driver's licence that has been revoked under this section to the Authority commits an offence.

(13) The Authority may make regulations in relation to the testing of the eyesight of applicants for permits and driver's licences, including the tests on the visual acuity and visual field of applicants and other standards with which the eyesight of the applicants should comply.

(14) In this section and section 23—

“disability” includes the physical, mental or intellectual impairment of a person which may hinder the full and effective participation of the person in society on an equal basis with other persons;

“prescribed disease or disability” includes—

- (a) a prescribed disability;
- (b) a prescribed disease;
- (c) a prospective disability; and
- (d) any other disease or disability which would be likely to cause the driving by the applicant of a motor vehicle, being a vehicle of such class or description as the applicant would be authorized by the licence to drive, to be a source of danger to the public;

“prospective disability” in relation to any person means any disability which—

- (a) at the time of the application for the grant of a licence or, as the case may be, the material time

for the purposes of the provision in which the expression is used, is not of such a kind that it is a prescribed disease or disability; but

- (b) by virtue of the intermittent or progressive nature of the disability or otherwise, may become a prescribed disease or disability in course of time.

Grant and duration of learner's permit.

23.—(1) Subject to the conditions set out in section 24, the Authority may grant to an applicant a learner's permit upon considering an application under section 21(1) and being satisfied that the applicant—

- (a) is at least seventeen years of age;
- (b) has successfully completed the prescribed Road Code test;
- (c) has produced the required medical certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner in the prescribed form certifying that the applicant does not have a prescribed disease or disability; and
- (d) has paid the prescribed fee.

(2) Subject to section 30 and the conditions set out in section 24, a learner's permit shall remain in force for a period of twelve months after the date upon which it was granted.

Conditions of learner's permit.

24. (1) A learner's permit granted under section 23 shall be subject to the following terms and conditions—

- (a) the holder of the learner's permit shall be accompanied at all times while driving by a person who is the holder of a driver's licence for not less than three years;
- (b) there shall be displayed on the front and on the back of the motor vehicle that the holder of the permit is driving, the letter "L" which shall be of such size and dimension as may be prescribed;
- (c) the breath alcohol concentration of the holder of the permit while driving shall not exceed 0.01 per cent or 10 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath;

- (d) the holder of the learner's permit shall not drive a motor vehicle in excess of 80 km per hour; and
- (e) such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The holder of a learner's permit shall comply with the terms and conditions subject to which the permit is granted and such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(3) The holder of a driver's licence who is accompanying the holder of a learner's permit while driving, shall not have a breath alcohol concentration that exceeds 0.02 per cent or 20 micrograms of alcohol per 100 milliliters of breath.

(4) The holder of a learner's permit who contravenes subsection (2) or the holder of a driver's licence who contravenes subsection (3) commits an offence.

25.—(1) The Authority may, subject to section 26, on considering an application for a driver's licence under section 21, or an application for the renewal of a driver's licence under section 30, grant a driver's licence in one of the classes specified in section 2(2).

Grant or refusal and duration of driver's licence.

(2) Subject to section 30, a driver's licence granted under subsection (1) shall—

- (a) remain in force for a period of five years; and
- (b) be subject to the prescribed terms and conditions.

26.—(1) The Authority shall not grant a driver's licence to the applicant unless the applicant has obtained from the Authority a certificate of competence, certifying that the applicant—

Prerequisite to the grant of driver's licence.

- (a) has, immediately prior to the application, been the holder of a learner's permit for at least six months;
- (b) is able to read and write and identify road signs and symbols that are associated with the Road Code;
- (c) has paid the prescribed fees;
- (d) subject to subsection (2), has successfully passed the driver's licence test administered by the Authority;

- (e) is at least seventeen and one-half years of age;
- (f) has produced, to the Authority, a prescribed certificate from a Justice of the Peace, an Officer of the Constabulary Force, a minister of religion, an attorney-at-law, a Councillor or a member of a Municipal Corporation, Town Council, City Council or a principal of a school in the area in which the applicant resides, certifying the identity and residential address of the applicant; and
- (g) during the twelve months preceding the application, has not been convicted of an offence under this Act.

(2) The applicant shall satisfy the Authority, where the applicant is applying for—

- (a) a Class A or a Class B driver's licence, that the applicant has submitted to the Authority the medical certificate required by section 23(1)(c);
- (b) a Class C driver's licence, that the applicant has been the holder of a Class B driver's licence for a minimum of three years; or
- (c) a Class C driver's licence, that the applicant has submitted to the Authority the medical certificate for that class in the prescribed form from a medical practitioner registered under the *Medical Act*.

(3) The Authority may, as a prerequisite to the grant of a permit or driver's licence—

- (a) exempt persons or any categories of persons from any written test prescribed under this Act; or
- (b) require persons to pass the prescribed test.

Conditions of
driver's
licence.

27.—(1) The holder of a driver's licence shall comply with such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) Where a driver's licence is granted under section 25, the holder shall, in addition to the terms and conditions prescribed under

subsection (1), comply with the following terms and conditions during the first twelve months of the grant of the licence, namely—

- (a) the breath alcohol concentration of the holder shall not exceed 0.01 per cent or 10 micograms of alcohol per 100 milliliters of breath while driving;
- (b) the holder shall not drive in excess of 80 kilometres per hour on any road; and
- (c) the holder shall not drive a motor vehicle carrying either passengers or goods for reward.

(3) The holder of a driver's licence who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

28. Where the applicant for a driver's licence is a member of the Jamaica Defence Force and the applicant is required to drive motor vehicles belonging to the Jamaica Defence Force, the certificate of competence required pursuant to section 26(1) may instead of being issued by the Authority, be issued by a person authorized in that behalf by the Chief of Defence Staff of the Jamaica Defence Force and, for that purpose, any—

Provision relating to the Jamaica Defence Force.

- (a) function which is vested in the Authority may be performed by a person so authorized; and
- (b) reference in the certificate of competence to the Authority shall be construed to include a reference to the person.

29.—(1) The Authority shall refuse to grant a permit or driver's licence where—

Grounds for the refusal of permit or driver's licence.

- (a) the application contains or is based on—
 - (i) a false or misleading representation; or
 - (ii) information that is false in a material particular;
- (b) the applicant has not met the applicable requirement to be granted a driver's licence;
- (c) pursuant to section 35, the applicant is disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence; or

(d) the applicant's permit or driver's licence is suspended.

(2) Where the Authority refuses to grant a permit or a driver's licence, the Authority shall give notice of refusal of the permit or driver's licence, and the reasons for the refusal, in writing, to the applicant forthwith.

*Renewal, Suspension and Revocation of Permit or
Driver's Licence*

Renewal of
permit or
driver's
licence.

30.—(1) A permit or driver's licence granted pursuant to this Part may be renewed by the Authority if—

- (a) an application for renewal is made in the prescribed form and manner;
- (b) the prescribed fee has been paid;
- (c) the applicant has, where either of the following cases applies—

First
Schedule.

- (i) paid the fixed penalty specified in the First Schedule in respect of any offence, committed by him; or

Second
Schedule.

- (ii) paid the fine specified in the Second Schedule in respect of any offence committed by him; and

- (d) in the case of an applicant who has attained the age of seventy years, the applicant produces the prescribed medical report.

(2) Every renewal of a driver's licence shall be for a duration of five years, except that in the case of an application for renewal to which subsection (1)(d) applies, the driver's licence shall be for a duration of three years.

(3) Where the Authority refuses to renew a permit or driver's licence pursuant to subsection (1), the Authority shall give notice of the refusal and the reasons for the refusal in writing to the applicant forthwith.

(4) The applicant shall, on receipt of the notice under subsection (3) and without prejudice to any appeal to the Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal, forthwith surrender the permit or driver's licence to the Authority.

(5) A person commits an offence where the Authority refuses to renew a permit or driver's licence and the person fails to surrender the permit or driver's licence to the Authority.

31. Upon an application by the holder of a driver's licence issued under this Part for a variation or modification of the driver's licence, the licence may be varied or modified, if the holder—

Variation and modification of driver's licence.

- (a) has paid the prescribed fee for the variation or modification;
- (b) proves, to the satisfaction of the Authority, that the holder is capable of driving the category of motor vehicle for which the holder is now seeking a varied or modified licence;
- (c) surrenders the driver's licence which the holder currently holds and is seeking to be varied or modified; and
- (d) has attained all the prerequisites for the issue of a driver's licence of the class for which the holder is now applying.

32.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), where the Authority becomes aware that the demerit points issued under section 98 that have been accumulated by a person total—

Power of Authority to suspend driver's licence based on demerit points.

- (a) ten or more but less than fourteen, the Authority shall suspend the driver's licence for a period of six months;
- (b) fourteen or more but less than twenty, the Authority shall suspend the driver's licence for a period of one year; or
- (c) twenty or more, the Authority shall suspend the driver's licence for a period of two years,

and in each case the period of suspension shall commence on the date that the notice referred to in subsection (2) is served or deemed to be served pursuant to section 115.

(2) Where the Authority intends to suspend a driver's licence, the Authority shall give notice of the suspension and the reasons for the suspension, in writing, to the holder of the driver's licence, who shall, upon being served the notice of suspension and without prejudice to any appeal to the Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal, surrender the driver's licence to the Authority within twenty-one days.

(3) A driver's licence suspended pursuant to this Part shall, during the period of suspension, be of no effect.

(4) A person who, upon receiving notice of the suspension of the person's driver's licence, fails to surrender the driver's licence under subsection (2) to the Authority, commits an offence.

(5) Where a person has accumulated more than twenty demerit points and his driver's licence has been suspended pursuant to subsection (1)(c), the Authority shall require the person to be retested as to his competence to drive before his driver's licence is reinstated.

Restrictions on driver's licence to be specified.

33. Where the holder of a driver's licence is subject to any restriction on his licence, whether with respect to—

- (a) the class of licence; or
- (b) the description, design, construction, weight or any other feature of the motor vehicle,

the extent of the restriction shall be specified on the driver's licence.

Suspension and revocation of permit or driver's licence.

34.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Authority may suspend a permit or driver's licence if—

- (a) the holder has failed to pay any fees or other charges required to be paid by this Act or the regulations;
- (b) the holder is in breach of—
 - (i) any provision of this Act or the regulations; or
 - (ii) any term or condition subject to which the permit or driver's licence is granted.

(2) Before suspending a permit or driver's licence under subsection (1), the Authority shall notify the holder, in writing, of the proposed suspension—

- (a) stating the reasons for the suspension;
- (b) requiring the holder, in the case of a breach, to remedy the breach within the time specified in the notice; and

(c) of the right of appeal conferred by section 35.

(3) A holder who is served with a notice under subsection (2) shall, after remedying the breach which gave rise to the suspension, notify the Authority in writing that the breach has been remedied.

(4) The Authority shall, upon receipt of a notice referred to in subsection (3), where applicable, cause an inspection to be carried out within fifteen days of the receipt of the notice and if, upon inspection, the inspector is satisfied that the breach has been remedied, the inspector shall report in writing to the Authority and upon the Authority ratifying the inspector's recommendation, the Authority shall withdraw the notice of suspension.

(5) The Authority may revoke a permit or driver's licence in the circumstances set out in section 22(8) or on any of the following grounds—

- (a) it is discovered that the holder of the permit or driver's licence has been issued with the permit or driver's licence based on false or misleading information provided by the holder;
- (b) the holder of the permit or driver's licence had been disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence by an order of the court;
- (c) the holder of the driver's licence has been convicted of an offence under this Act, while driving during a period in which his driver's licence is suspended; or
- (d) the holder of the driver's licence fails to submit the permit or driver's licence to the Authority within twenty-one days after the driver's licence is suspended.

(6) Before revoking a permit or driver's licence under subsection (5), the Authority shall notify the holder in writing of the proposed revocation, stating the reasons for the proposed revocation.

(7) Where a permit or driver's licence is revoked under this section—

- (a) the holder shall return the permit or driver's licence forthwith to the Authority; and
- (b) the holder of the permit or driver's licence that has been revoked may apply to the Authority after a period of twelve months for a new permit or driver's licence.

(8) Where a permit or driver's licence has been revoked, the Authority may, after considering a new application and the circumstances surrounding the revocation, issue a new permit or driver's licence.

(9) A person who fails to return to the Authority a permit or driver's licence that has been revoked under this section, commits an offence.

(10) Where the Authority considers it appropriate, the issue of a new permit or driver's licence under subsection (8) may be subject to a requirement for driver retraining or retesting and any other requirements that may be prescribed for the purposes of this section.

Disqualification and Endorsements

Disqualifica-
tion for
offences.

35.—(1) A court before which a person is convicted of any offence in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle—

- (a) may, in addition to any other penalty provided for the offence; and
- (b) shall, where so required by this Act,

order that the convicted person be disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence (hereinafter called an "order for disqualification").

(2) An order for disqualification may be limited to the driving of a motor vehicle of—

- (a) the same class or description as the motor vehicle in relation to which the offence was committed; or

(b) any particular class or description.

(3) Where the court makes an order for disqualification—

(a) if the convicted person holds a permit or driver's licence, the clerk or other officer of the court shall forthwith—

(i) cause to be endorsed on the permit or driver's licence particulars of the conviction and the order for disqualification; and

(ii) order that the conviction be entered into the Driver's Licence Register and the Driver's Offences Register; or

(b) submit to the Authority information as to the disqualification for the purpose of endorsing the particulars of the conviction and the order for disqualification on the permit or driver's licence.

(4) A permit or driver's licence that is obtained by a person who (while disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence) applies for or obtains a permit or driver's licence, is void.

(5) A person commits an offence if, while disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence, the person—

(a) applies for or obtains a permit or driver's licence; or

(b) drives a motor vehicle in breach of the order for disqualification.

(6) Notwithstanding any enactment prescribing the time within which proceedings may be brought before a court of summary jurisdiction, proceedings for an offence under subsection (5) may be brought within a period—

(a) of six months from the date of the commission of the alleged offence; or

(b) which does not exceed three months from the date on which it came to the knowledge of the prosecutor that the offence

had been committed or one year from the date of the commission of the offence, or

whichever period is the longer.

(7) A person who, by virtue of an order of a court under this Part, is disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence, may appeal against the order in the same manner as against a conviction and the court making the order may, if it thinks fit, pending the appeal, suspend the operation of the order.

Application
to court to
remove
disqualifica-
tion.

36.—(1) A person who, by virtue of a conviction or an order of a court under this Part, is disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence may, at any time after the expiry of six months from the date of the conviction or order, or the date of determination of an appeal under section 35(7), whichever is later, and from time to time thereafter, apply to the court before which he was convicted or by which the order was made to remove the disqualification.

(2) On an application under subsection (1), the court may, after considering—

- (a) the character of the person disqualified;
- (b) the conduct of the person disqualified subsequent to the conviction or order;
- (c) the nature of the offence; and
- (d) any other circumstance of the case,

by order, remove the disqualification as from the date specified in the order or refuse the application.

(3) Where an application under subsection (1) is refused, a further application under that subsection shall not be made earlier than three months after the date of the refusal.

(4) If the court orders a disqualification to be removed, the court shall cause particulars of the order to be endorsed on the permit

or driver's licence previously held by the applicant and the court may, in any case, order the applicant to pay the whole or any part of the costs of the application.

(5) As a requirement for the removal of an endorsement under subsection (4), the court may, if it thinks fit, order the applicant to undergo driver retraining or retesting, or to fulfil any other requirements that the court considers appropriate to the case.

37.—(1) An order that the particulars of a conviction, or of a disqualification, be endorsed on a permit or driver's licence held by the convicted person shall operate so that (whether the convicted person is at the time the holder of the permit or driver's licence or not) any permit or driver's licence that he may then hold, or subsequently obtain, shall be so endorsed until he becomes entitled under this section to have a permit or driver's licence granted to him free from endorsement.

Duty of court to notify Authority of endorsement, etc.

(2) Where an order is made requiring any permit or driver's licence held by a convicted person to be endorsed, then—

- (a) if the convicted person is at the time the holder of a permit or driver's licence, the holder shall, if so required by the court, produce the permit or driver's licence for the purpose of endorsement within five days or any longer time as the court may determine; and
- (b) if the convicted person is not then the holder of a permit or driver's licence, but subsequently obtains a permit or driver's licence, the person shall, within five days after so obtaining the permit or driver's licence, produce it to the court for the purpose of endorsement.

(3) A permit or driver's licence that is not produced for the purpose of endorsement within the time specified in subsection (2), shall be suspended from the expiration of the time until it is produced for the purpose of endorsement.

(4) On the grant of a new permit or driver's licence to any person, the particulars endorsed on any previous permit or driver's

licence held by him shall be copied onto the new permit or driver's licence, unless he has previously become entitled under this section to have a permit or driver's licence granted to him free from endorsement.

(5) A person, whose permit or driver's licence has been ordered to be endorsed and who has not previously become entitled under this section to have a permit or driver's licence granted to him free from endorsement, who applies for or obtains a permit or driver's licence without giving particulars of the order, commits an offence; and any permit or driver's licence so obtained shall be of no effect.

(6) Subject to subsection (7), where a person, in respect of whom an order has been made under this Part requiring the endorsement of any permit or driver's licence held by him, during a continuous period of three years since the order was made and no further order was made against him, the person shall be entitled, at any time thereafter (subject to payment of the prescribed fee and subject to the surrender of any subsisting permit or driver's licence) to have granted to him a new permit or driver's licence free from endorsement.

(7) In calculating the period of three years under subsection (6), any period during which the person was by virtue of the order disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence shall be excluded.

Duty of Authority to keep permit or driver's licence that has been disqualified.

38.—(1) Where a court orders particulars to be endorsed on a permit or driver's licence held by any person, or where by conviction or order of a court a person is disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver's licence, the clerk or other officer of the court shall, within ten days—

- (a) send a notice of the order to the Authority; and
- (b) in any case where a person is so disqualified, on the production of the permit or driver's licence for the purpose of endorsement, retain the permit or driver's licence and forward it to the Authority, and the Authority shall keep the

permit or driver's licence until the disqualification has expired or been removed, and the person entitled to the permit or driver's licence has made a demand in writing for its return to him.

(2) Where the disqualification to which a person has become subject is limited to the driving of a motor vehicle of a particular class or description, the Authority shall grant to that person a new driver's licence on which there shall be indicated in the prescribed manner the class or description of motor vehicle which the holder of the permit or driver's licence is not authorized to drive.

(3) A driver's licence granted under subsection (2) shall remain in force either for the unexpired period of the original driver's licence or for the period of the disqualification, whichever is the shorter.

(4) Where, on an appeal to an Appellate Court against an order, the Appellate Court allows the appeals or quashes the conviction—

- (a) the Appellate Court shall give notice thereof to the Authority; and
- (b) the Authority shall, forthwith, return the original driver's licence (where no endorsement has been made on the driver's licence) or re-issue a driver's licence free of the relevant endorsement to the appellant.

Driver's Licence Register

39.—(1) The Authority shall keep and record in a register to be known as the "Driver's Licence Register" the prescribed particulars of every permit and driver's licence granted under this Act. Driver's Licence Register.

(2) Every endorsement, suspension, revocation and notice relating to every permit or driver's licence required to be recorded in the Driver's Licence Register shall be so entered.

40. In the event that a permit or driver's licence is lost, stolen, destroyed or defaced, the Authority, upon the receipt of an application made in the prescribed manner and accompanied by the prescribed Substitute permit or driver's licence.

fee, may grant a substitute permit or driver's licence, as the case may be, similar to the one that was lost, stolen, destroyed or defaced with the word "SUBSTITUTE" written on the face of it.

Acceptance
of foreign
driver's
licence.

41.—(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3)—

- (a) a driving permit which is a permit issued under the authority of a state other than Jamaica that is a party to the *Geneva Convention on Road Traffic, 1949*, which was issued while the holder thereof was not permanently or ordinarily resident in Jamaica; and
- (b) a driver's licence (in this section called a "foreign driver's licence") authorizing the driving of a motor vehicle which was granted in any prescribed country,

shall, in respect of the class of motor vehicle to which that permit or driver's licence relates and subject to the conditions of the permit or driver's licence, be deemed to be a permit or driver's licence for the purposes of this Part.

(2) A foreign driver's licence, whether or not accompanied by an international driving permit, shall not authorize the holder of the licence to drive a motor vehicle carrying passengers or goods for hire or reward.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this section, a foreign driver's licence shall be deemed to be a driver's licence, for the purposes of this Part, for a period ending no later than—

- (a) the date of expiry of the foreign driver's licence;
- (b) the date of departure of the holder of the foreign driver's licence from Jamaica; or
- (c) twelve months from the date of arrival of the holder of the foreign driver's licence in Jamaica, on proof of entry into Jamaica.

(4) The holder of a foreign driver's licence may apply in the prescribed manner to the Authority for a driver's licence.

(5) On receipt of an application under subsection (4), the Authority shall, if satisfied that the prescribed requirements have been met, issue to the applicant a driver's licence in the prescribed manner and subject to the prescribed conditions.

Offences Relating to Licensing of Drivers

42.—(1) Any document granted contrary to this Act, purporting to be a permit or driver's licence shall be void and the holder of the purported permit or driver's licence shall, forthwith, submit it to the Authority, which shall receive the purported permit or driver's licence and keep it.

Voiding of purported permit or driver's licence issued contrary to Act.

(2) The holder of a purported permit or driver's licence who fails to comply with subsection (1) commits an offence.

(3) The Authority or any agent of the Authority who reasonably suspects a permit or driver's licence to be fraudulently obtained may keep the permit or driver's licence until such time as the validity has been proven and deliver it to the Authority; and may make it available to a constable where necessary.

43.—(1) The holder of a permit or driver's licence shall not allow or cause it to be used by any other person.

Use of another person's permit or driver's licence.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal

44.—(1) There is established a tribunal to be called the Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal.

Establishment of Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal. Fourth Schedule.

(2) The provisions of the Fourth Schedule shall have effect in relation to the Tribunal.

(3) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Authority, or an agent of the Authority, may appeal to the Tribunal by lodging with the Tribunal a notice of appeal, within fourteen days of the date of the

decision, or within such longer period as the Tribunal may, in any special circumstance, allow.

(4) The notice of appeal shall set out the grounds of the appeal and shall be accompanied by copies of any correspondence, documents or statements relevant to the appeal.

(5) The Tribunal shall, within seven days of the receipt of a notice of appeal under subsection (4), request the Authority to furnish to it, a statement in writing setting out the reasons for the Authority's decision; and the statement shall be accompanied by copies of any correspondence, documents or statements relevant to the appeal.

(6) The Tribunal may order that any document relating to the appeal which is in the possession of the Authority or being held by the person aggrieved, be produced at the hearing of the appeal.

(7) The Tribunal shall cause all parties to the appeal to be informed of—

- (a) the date of the hearing of the appeal;
- (b) their right to—
 - (i) appear themselves or be represented by an attorney-at-law or other person of their choice; and
 - (ii) call witnesses in support of their case.

(8) On hearing an appeal under this section, the Tribunal may—

- (a) dismiss the appeal and confirm the decision of the Authority or its agent;
- (b) allow the appeal and set aside the decision; or
- (c) vary the decision.

PART V—*Road Authority, Road Traffic Signs, Speed
Limits and Rules of the Road*

Construction
and
maintenance
of roads.

45. A Road Authority shall exercise its functions in relation to the construction and maintenance of roads for which it is responsible with due regard for the safety of users of the roads.

46.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section and notwithstanding any other enactment, where a Road Authority is satisfied that traffic on any road, for the maintenance of which the Road Authority is responsible, should be restricted or prohibited by reason of works of repair or reconstruction being required or in progress on the road, the Road Authority may, by order, restrict or prohibit the use of that road or any part of the road by any vehicle of any particular class or description, to such extent and subject to such conditions or exceptions as it may specify.

Power of Road Authority to prohibit or restrict traffic on roads temporarily.

(2) A Road Authority when considering the question of the making of an order under subsection (1) shall have regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by the order.

47.—(1) Subject to this Act, the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister and for the purposes of prohibiting, limiting, regulating or controlling traffic in general or any particular class of traffic, prescribe traffic signs as it may determine to be expedient.

Regulation of traffic signs.

(2) A Road Authority may cause or permit traffic signs to be placed on or near any road.

(3) Unless otherwise authorized by the responsible Road Authority, every traffic sign shall be of the prescribed size, colour and type.

(4) A Road Authority may, subject to such conditions as it considers necessary, authorize any person or body to display any sign, signal, marking or other device on a road.

48.—(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, a person shall not, at any place alongside any road, erect or display an advertising sign if the erection or display is prohibited by this Act or the regulations.

Placing and displaying of advertising signs.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

Damaging or altering traffic signs.

49.—(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, a person shall not damage a traffic sign or, without proper authority to do so, alter its position or the inscription, lettering, colour or marking on the traffic sign.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

Removal or alteration of devices that may be mistaken for traffic signs.

50.—(1) A Road Authority shall, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of any land on which there is any sign or object which so closely resembles a traffic sign that it might reasonably be taken to be a traffic sign, to remove it.

(2) If a person fails to comply with a notice under subsection (1), the Road Authority may act in accordance with subsection (3).

(3) The Road Authority may, in furtherance of its right to take action under subsection (1), by officers, employees and agents authorized by the Authority for the purposes of this section, enter the land at any reasonable time and remove the sign or object which closely resembles the traffic sign.

(4) A person authorized under this section to enter upon any land shall, if so required, produce evidence of his authority before so entering and shall not demand admission as of right to any land which is occupied, unless twenty-four hours notice of the intended entry has been given to the occupier of the land.

Road Authority entitled to recover costs.

51. A Road Authority shall be entitled to recover from the person notified under section 50(1), the costs and expenses incurred by it pursuant to section 50(3), as a civil debt in the Parish Court for the parish in which the place is situated, notwithstanding any limitation as to amounts recoverable under the *Judicature (Parish Courts) Act*.

Road traffic signs to be obeyed.

52.—(1) The driver of every motor vehicle and the rider of every bicycle shall obey all—

- (a) traffic lights and stop signs; and
- (b) other traffic signs,

which may be lawfully placed, erected or exhibited on or near any road, or so as to be visible from a road, in accordance with section 47.

(2) A driver or operator of a vehicle who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

(3) Unless the contrary is proved, for the purposes of this section, a traffic sign placed, erected or exhibited on or near any road shall be deemed to be of the prescribed size, colour and type or be a sign of another character authorized by the Road Authority under section 47 and to have been lawfully so placed, erected or exhibited.

(4) In any prosecution for a contravention of subsection (1), it shall be deemed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the traffic sign concerned was lawfully placed by the Road Authority in the exercise of powers conferred upon it by and in accordance with this Act.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), the driver of an emergency vehicle who drives the vehicle in the performance of his duties or a constable who drives a vehicle in the carrying out of his duties—

- (a) may, if the circumstances so warrant, disregard the directions of a traffic sign; but
- (b) shall drive the vehicle with due regard to the safety of other traffic and users of the road.

(6) Every emergency vehicle shall be fitted with—

- (a) a device capable of emitting an audible siren sound; and**
- (b) a prescribed identification lamp,

and the device shall emit the audible siren sound and the lamp shall produce the flashing light while the vehicle is being driven in disregard of any traffic sign.

(7) A driver commits an offence if the driver causes or permits an audible siren sound, or a flashing light from a lamp of a kind prescribed

for use by emergency vehicles, to be emitted from a vehicle on any road—

- (a) unless the vehicle is an emergency vehicle; or
- (b) other than in such circumstances as may be prescribed.

Sidewalks and
cycle lanes,
etc.

53. A Road Authority shall, where the Authority deems it necessary or desirable for the safety or accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists, provide proper and sufficient sidewalks, cycle lanes and pedestrian refuges along any road which is under the control of that Authority.

Power to
declare roads
to be major
roads.

54.—(1) The Minister may, by order, declare—

- (a) any road to be a major road for the purposes of this Act;
and
- (b) any person to be the Road Authority for the purposes of this Act, in relation to the road specified in the order.

(2) Where two or more roads meet, the Minister may declare one or more of those roads to be a major road.

(3) Where a road is not controlled by traffic lights, the driver or operator of a vehicle—

- (a) before turning into or crossing a major road—
 - (i) shall comply with any traffic signs posted or any directions of a constable; and
 - (ii) where no traffic signs are posted or constable assigned, shall bring the vehicle to a full stop; or
- (b) on turning into or crossing the major road shall not drive or operate the vehicle so as to obstruct any traffic on the major road.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (3) commits an offence.

55.—(1) The Authority may cause traffic signs to be displayed on any road indicating the maximum speed limit which applies in respect of vehicles being driven on that road.

Provision specifying maximum speed limit.

(2) Subject to section 56, a person shall not drive a vehicle on a road at a speed in excess of—

- (a) the maximum speed limit prescribed under section 110(2) in respect of the class or description of vehicle concerned;
- (b) the speed limit which applies in respect of that road of a prescribed part of that road; or
- (c) the speed limit indicated in subsection (1) by an appropriate road traffic sign in respect of that road or a part of the road.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence.

(4) For the purposes of proving an offence under this section, the speed at which a vehicle is driven shall be measured using the prescribed equipment.

56.—(1) Notwithstanding section 55, the driver of an emergency vehicle, in the carrying out of his duties, or a constable who drives a vehicle in the carrying out of his duties, may exceed the speed limits referred to in section 55(2).

Exceptions to speed limits.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the driver or constable referred to in that subsection shall drive the vehicle with due regard for the safety of other traffic.

57.—(1) The driver or operator of a vehicle shall observe the following rules in respect of the vehicle—

Rules of the road.

- (a) when being approached or being overtaken by another vehicle, he shall keep the vehicle to the left or near side of the road;
- (b) when overtaking other traffic, he shall keep the vehicle on the right or off-side of the other traffic;

- (c) while the vehicle is being overtaken by other traffic, he shall so drive his vehicle so as to allow the other traffic to pass;
- (d) while driving, he shall not drive or operate the vehicle—
 - (i) so as to overtake other traffic, unless he has a clear and unobstructed view of the road ahead;
 - (ii) alongside of, overlap or overtake other traffic proceeding in the same direction, if by so doing the vehicle obstructs any traffic proceeding in the opposite direction;
 - (iii) so as to cross, commence to cross or turn in a road, if by so doing, the vehicle will obstruct any traffic;
- (e) while proceeding from a place which is not a road onto a road, or from a road onto a place which is not a road, he shall not drive so as to obstruct any traffic on the road;
- (f) while on a main road, he shall not be permitted to travel backwards further than two vehicle lengths for turning or for other reasonable purpose.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, it shall be the duty of a driver or operator of a vehicle to take such action as may be necessary to avoid a collision, and the breach by a driver of any vehicle of any of the provisions of this section shall not exonerate the driver of any other vehicle from the duty imposed on him by this section.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, a person shall drive or operate a vehicle with due regard to other vehicles and pedestrians and with due regard to the safety of any person or property.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a vehicle obstructs traffic if it causes risk of a collision.

(5) Every person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

PART VI—*Reckless, Dangerous and Careless Driving*

58.—(1) A person shall not drive a motor vehicle on a road recklessly or dangerously or without due regard for the safety of other persons or property. Reckless or dangerous driving.

(2) In considering whether subsection (1) has been contravened, the court shall have regard to all the circumstances of the case, including—

- (a) the nature, condition and use of the road upon which the contravention is alleged to have been committed; and
- (b) the amount of traffic which, at the relevant time, was, or that could reasonably have been expected to be upon that road.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

(4) The court shall order particulars of any conviction for an offence under subsection (3) to be endorsed on the driver's licence held by the person convicted.

(5) On a second or subsequent conviction for an offence under subsection (3), the court shall order that the offender be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driver's licence, unless the court, having regard to the lapse of time since the date of the last conviction or for any other special reason, thinks fit to order otherwise.

(6) Subsection (5) shall not be construed as affecting the right of the court to exercise the power conferred by that subsection on a first conviction.

(7) Where a person is convicted of aiding, abetting, counseling, procuring or inciting the commission of an offence under this section and it is proved that he was present in the motor vehicle at the time of the commission of the offence, the offence of which he is convicted shall, for the purpose of the provisions of Part IV relating to disqualification from holding or obtaining driver's licences, be deemed to be an offence within the meaning of section 35.

Careless driving.

59.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who drives a motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road commits an offence, whether or not such driving results in a collision with a pedestrian, another vehicle or with property.

(2) A first or second conviction for an offence under this section shall not render the offender liable to be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driver's licence.

Causing death by reckless or dangerous driving.

60. A person commits an offence, if the person causes the death of another person by the driving of a motor vehicle on a road recklessly or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including—

- (a) the nature, condition and use of the road;
- (b) the amount of traffic which is actually at the time or which might reasonably be expected to be on the road; and
- (c) the speed and manner in which the motor vehicle was driven.

Power to proceed on charge of reckless or dangerous driving on hearing of charge of manslaughter.

61.—(1) Upon the trial of a person who is indicted for manslaughter in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle by him, it shall be lawful for the court, if the court is satisfied that the person is guilty of an offence committed under section 58, to find him guilty of that offence, whether or not the requirements of section 65 have been satisfied in respect of that offence.

(2) A person who is charged with an offence under section 60 who causes the death of another person may be convicted of reckless or dangerous driving under section 58.

Power to proceed on charge of careless driving on hearing of charge of reckless or dangerous driving.

62.—(1) Subsections (2) and (3) shall apply where a person is charged before a court of summary jurisdiction with an offence under section 58 and the court is of the opinion that the offence is not proved.

(2) The court may, at any time during the hearing or immediately after the hearing, without prejudice to any other powers possessed by the court, direct or allow a charge for an offence under

section 59 (careless driving) to be preferred forthwith against the accused person and thereupon proceed with that charge.

(3) Where the court takes action under subsection (2)—

- (a) the accused person or his attorney-at-law shall be informed of the new charge and be given an opportunity, whether by way of cross-examining any witness whose evidence has already been given against the accused person or otherwise, of answering the new charge; and
- (b) the court shall adjourn the hearing if it considers that the accused person is prejudiced in his defense by reason of the new charge being so preferred.

(4) Every accused person in whose case the requirements of section 65 (restrictions on prosecution) have been satisfied or do not apply, as respects the alleged offence under section 58, may be convicted on a charge preferred under subsection (2), notwithstanding that such requirements have not been satisfied as respects the alleged offence under section 59.

63.—(1) A person convicted of manslaughter in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle by him or of an offence under section 60 shall, unless the court for special reasons thinks fit to order otherwise, be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driver's licence for a period of twelve months from the date of the conviction, or for such longer period as the court thinks fit.

Disqualifi-
cation for
offences
causing
death.

(2) Where a person is convicted of aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring or inciting the commission of an offence referred to in subsection (1) and it is proved that the person was present in the motor vehicle at the time of the commission of the offence, the provisions of subsection (1) shall apply in relation to the offence of which he is convicted as if it were mentioned in that subsection.

64.—(1) A driver of a motor vehicle who is alleged to have committed an offence under this Act, as to reckless or dangerous driving or careless driving, and who refuses, upon being so required by any person having reasonable ground for so requiring, to produce his driver's

Duty to give
particulars
and place of
residence and
power of
arrest in
certain cases.

licence or give his name, date of birth and place of residence or gives a false name, date of birth or place of residence, commits an offence.

(2) Any constable in uniform or on showing his authority as a constable may arrest, without warrant, the driver of any motor vehicle who within the view of the constable commits any offence under this Act as to reckless or dangerous driving or careless driving, unless the driver either gives his name, date of birth and place of residence or produces his driver's licence for examination and the constable is satisfied as to the identity of the driver of the motor vehicle.

Restrictions
on
prosecutions.

65.—(1) Where a person is prosecuted for an offence under sections 58, 59 or 60, the person shall not be convicted, unless—

- (a) the person was warned after the person committed the alleged offence that the person may be prosecuted for the offence;
- (b) a summons was served on the person within fourteen days of the commission of the offence; or
- (c) within fourteen days after the offence was committed, a notice of the intended prosecution (specifying the nature of the alleged offence and the time and place where it is alleged to have been committed), was served on or sent by registered post to the person or to the person registered as the owner of the motor vehicle at the time of the commission of the offence.

(2) A failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) shall not prohibit the conviction of the accused in any case where the court is satisfied that—

- (a) neither the name and place of residence of the accused nor the name and place of residence of the registered owner of the vehicle, could, with reasonable diligence, have been ascertained in time for a summons to be served or for a notice to be served or sent in accordance with subsection (1)(c); or
- (b) the accused, by his own conduct, contributed to the failure.

(3) The requirements of this section shall in every case be deemed to have been complied with, unless the contrary is proved.

PART VII—*Driving under the Influence of Alcohol or other Drugs*

66. The provisions of the Fifth Schedule shall have effect as to driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

PART VIII—*Special Provisions as to Motor Vehicles*

67.—(1) It shall not be lawful, on any road for—

Restrictions affecting motor cycles.

- (a) more than one person (in addition to the driver) to be carried on a two-wheeled motor cycle;
- (b) any person to be carried otherwise than by sitting astride the motor cycle and on a proper seat securely fixed to the motor cycle behind the driver’s seat; or
- (c) any person to cause a two-wheeled motor cycle to be driven on one wheel only.

(2) If any person—

- (a) is carried on any motor cycle in contravention of subsection (1)(a) or (b); or
- (b) drives a motor cycle in contravention of subsection (1)(c),

the driver of the motor cycle commits an offence.

68.—(1) The number of trailers, which may be drawn by a motor vehicle on a road shall not exceed such number if any, as may be prescribed in relation to motor vehicles of any particular class.

Restriction on number of trailers drawn.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the word “trailers” shall not include any vehicle used solely for carrying water for the purposes of the drawing vehicle or any agricultural vehicle not constructed to carry a load.

(3) A person commits an offence if the person causes or permits a trailer to be drawn in contravention of subsection (1).

Duty to give information as to identity of driver, etc., in certain cases.

69.—(1) The owner of a motor vehicle shall—

- (a) satisfy himself as to the identity of every person who the owner authorizes to drive the motor vehicle; and
- (b) satisfy himself that the person authorized to drive the motor vehicle—
 - (i) is licensed to drive a motor vehicle of the category in which the motor vehicle is registered; and
 - (ii) resides at the address specified on his licence or, if the person no longer resides at that address, his current address.

(2) Where the driver or operator of a vehicle is alleged to have committed an offence under this Act—

- (a) the owner or operator of the vehicle shall give such information as to the identity of the driver or operator—
 - (i) as is requested by any member of the Constabulary Force; or
 - (ii) in the case of an offence under section 85, as the Local Authority having power to institute proceedings for the offence, or any person acting on their behalf, may require;
- (b) the powers conferred under paragraph (a)(i) and (ii) may be exercised in relation to any other person who shall, if required as specified in that paragraph, give such information which may lead to the identification of the driver or operator as the person may be able to give.

(3) A person who contravenes—

- (a) subsection (1) commits an offence;

(b) subsection (2)(a) commits an offence, unless he shows to the satisfaction of the court that he did not know and could not, with reasonable diligence, have ascertained the identity of the driver or operator of the vehicle; or

(c) subsection (2)(b) commits an offence.

70.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), where a collision occurs resulting in injury to any person or animal or damage to any vehicle, property or the road infrastructure, the driver of the motor vehicle involved in the collision shall stop and, if required so to do by any person having reasonable grounds for so requiring, give—

Duty to stop in case of collision.

(a) his name and place of residence;

(b) the name and place of residence of the owner of the motor vehicle;

(c) the registration numbers of the motor vehicle involved in the collision; and

(d) proof of motor vehicle insurance in respect of that motor vehicle in accordance with the *Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act*.

(2) Where, after a collision, the driver of the motor vehicle for any reason does not give his name and place of residence to any person as mentioned, the driver shall report the collision at the nearest police station or to a constable as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any case, within twenty-four hours of the occurrence of the collision.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2), commits an offence.

(4) In this section—

(a) “animal” includes any horse, cattle, donkey, mule, sheep, pig or goat; and

(b) “road infrastructure” means any physical construct on the road produced with the intention of enhancing the road network such as railings, guard railings, paved corridors, bridges, culverts, retaining walls, road markings, kerb walls, pavement markers and road signs.

Requirement for lights, reflectors, warning devices and seat belts to be on motor vehicle.

71.—(1) A person shall not drive or operate a motor vehicle without there being attached thereon and in the correct working order the prescribed—

- (a) headlamps;
- (b) parking lamps;
- (c) reflectors;
- (d) rear registration plate lights;
- (e) brake lights;
- (f) warning devices; and
- (g) seat belts.

(2) A person who drives or operates a motor vehicle in contravention of subsection (1) commits an offence.

Wearing of seat belts.

72.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall wear a seat belt if the person—

- (a) drives a motor vehicle specified in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of section 6(1) on any road;
- (b) rides in a motor vehicle specified in paragraph (c) or (d) of section 6(1) on any road; or
- (c) rides in the front seat of a motor truck as specified in paragraph (b) of section 6(1) on any road.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to—

- (a) a child who wears or is conveyed in a child restraint system;
- (b) the driver of a motor vehicle while performing a maneuver which includes reversing;
- (c) any person who holds a valid certificate of exemption prescribed by the Minister and signed by a registered medical practitioner as defined under section 2 of the *Medical Act*;
- (d) a person riding in a motor vehicle while it is being used for fire brigade purposes in response to a fire alarm; or

- (e) a person driving or riding on a motor vehicle constructed or adapted for the delivery of goods or mail, as the case may be, while engaged in the delivery to, or collection of such goods or mail from locations not further than sixty metres from each other.

(3) The driver of a motor vehicle shall cause every passenger who is being conveyed in the motor vehicle to wear a seat belt.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (3) commits an offence.

73.—(1) The driver of a motor vehicle that conveys a child shall cause the child to wear or be conveyed in the prescribed child restraint system.

Child in motor vehicles to wear child restraint system.

(2) A driver who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

74.—(1) A person shall, at all times while driving or riding on a motor cycle or bicycle, wear a protective helmet in the prescribed manner of the prescribed shape, quality, construction or standard.

Protective helmets.

(2) The driver of a motor cycle shall cause every person who is riding as a pillion to wear a protective helmet in the prescribed manner at all times while riding on the motor cycle.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

Zones

75.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Authority may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare that, from and after a date to be fixed by the notice, no loud noise that is reasonably capable of causing annoyance to persons shall emanate from a motor vehicle, and no horn or other warning device shall be sounded during such hours, at or within such place or area, as may be specified in the notice; and every person who acts in contravention of the notice commits an offence.

Silence zones.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), the offence shall not be committed if the sounding of the horn was reasonably required to prevent a collision.

(3) Subsection (1) shall not apply to an emergency vehicle.

School safety zone.

76.—(1) The Minister, on the advice of the Authority may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, designate a road, or part of a road, as a school safety zone.

(2) The Road Authority shall cause traffic signs notifying road users of the designation of a road, or part of a road as a school safety zone pursuant to subsection (1) to be erected on the road, or part of the road, in the school safety zone.

(3) A traffic sign erected under subsection (2) shall specify—

- (a) the hours of the day and the days of the week when the designation is in effect;
- (b) the maximum speed at which a person may drive a motor vehicle on that road or part of the road when the designation under paragraph (a) is in effect; and
- (c) where the school safety zone begins and ends.

(4) A person who—

- (a) fails to comply with a traffic sign erected under subsection (2); or
- (b) exceeds the speed limit in effect,

commits an offence.

Construction zone.

77.—(1) A Road Authority may, by order, designate any road or part of a road as a construction zone, where by reason of works, repairs or reconstruction, construction work is required or is in progress on the road or part of the road.

(2) The Road Authority shall cause traffic signs to be erected on a road or the parts of a road designated under subsection (1), to notify road users of the beginning and end of the construction zone, such matters pertaining to the use of or safety in the zones as the road Authority considers appropriate, and the speed limit in effect in relation to the road.

(3) A person who—

- (a) fails to comply with a traffic sign erected under subsection (2); or
- (b) exceeds the speed limit in effect,

commits an offence.

Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles

Unlawful use of motor vehicle.

78.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person who takes and drives away a motor vehicle without having the consent of the owner or other

lawful authority commits an offence triable summarily or on indictment in a Parish Court or an indictment in the Supreme Court .

(2) If the court is satisfied that the accused acted in the reasonable belief that the owner would, in the circumstances of the case, have given his consent if he had been asked to consent, the accused shall not, without more, be liable to be convicted of the offence.

(3) In a trial for stealing a motor vehicle, if the court is of the opinion or the court is satisfied that the accused is not guilty of stealing the motor vehicle but is guilty of an offence under this section, the court may find him guilty of an offence under this section and, the accused shall be liable to be punished accordingly.

PART IX—*Traffic Wardens, Pedestrian Crossings and Parking of Motor Vehicles*

79.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a Local Authority may appoint persons (to be known as “traffic wardens”) to—

Appointment
and duties
of traffic
wardens.

- (a) discharge, in aid of the police under the direction of the Commissioner of Police, functions normally undertaken by the police in connection with the control and regulation of road traffic in general and the enforcement of this Act in particular; and
- (b) act as parking attendants at parking places provided or controlled by that Local Authority.

(2) A traffic warden shall not be appointed pursuant to subsection (1) without the Local Authority consulting with the Commissioner of Police and shall not discharge functions other than those prescribed by order made by the Minister.

(3) In so far as an order under subsection (2) authorizes the appointment of a traffic warden for the purposes of section 105, references to a constable includes references to a traffic warden.

(4) A Local Authority shall—

- (a) not appoint as a traffic warden any person who is a constable; and
- (b) take steps to ensure that—
 - (i) only persons adequately qualified for the purpose are appointed as traffic wardens; and

- (ii) traffic wardens are suitably trained by the Constabulary Force before undertaking their duties.

(5) A traffic warden—

- (a) shall wear the uniform prescribed by the Local Authority; and
- (b) shall only act as a traffic warden when wearing the prescribed uniform.

Arrangements for patrolling school crossings.

80.—(1) The appropriate authority may make arrangements for the patrolling of roads where children cross on their way to or from school, between the hours of six in the morning and eight in the evening by persons appointed by the appropriate authority.

(2) The functions of the appropriate authority for the purpose of arrangements under subsection (1) shall include the duty to—

- (a) satisfy himself of the adequate qualifications of persons appointed to patrol; and
- (b) provide the requisite training of persons to be appointed.

(3) In making arrangements under subsection (1), the appropriate authority shall have regard to any representations made by the Authority.

(4) In this section, “appropriate authority”, in relation to the place in any parish or district which is to be patrolled under this section, means a Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent of Police posted to the parish or district and any sub-officer of the Constabulary Force temporarily in charge of the parish or district.

Power of school crossing warden to stop traffic.

81.—(1) Where, between the hours of six in the morning and eight in the evening, a vehicle is approaching a place in a road where children, on their way to or from school, are crossing or seeking to cross the road, a school crossing warden may (subject to subsection (4)), by exhibiting a prescribed sign, require the person driving or operating the vehicle to stop.

(2) Where a person is required to stop a vehicle in accordance with subsection (1)—

- (a) the person shall cause the vehicle to stop before reaching the place where children are crossing or seeking to cross so as not to prevent or impede their crossing; and
- (b) the vehicle shall not be put in motion again so as to reach the place where the children are crossing or seeking to cross so long as the sign continues to be exhibited.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence.

(4) On or after a date to be fixed by the Minister responsible for national security by order published in the *Gazette*, the power conferred on a school crossing warden by subsection (1) shall be exercisable only if the school crossing warden is wearing the approved uniform.

(5) For the purposes of this section —

“approved uniform” means the uniform for the time being approved by the Minister responsible for national security;

“prescribed sign” means a sign of a size, colour and type prescribed by the regulations.

(6) Where it is proven that—

- (a) a sign was exhibited by a school crossing warden, it shall be deemed to have been of the size, colour and type prescribed, unless the contrary is proved; and
- (b) a school crossing warden was wearing the approved uniform, the uniform shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proven, to have been the approved uniform.

82.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Authority may establish or remove a pedestrian crossing on a road for the use of pedestrians in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

Pedestrian
crossings.

(2) The Road Authority shall execute any works (including the placement, erection, maintenance, alteration and removal of marks and traffic signs) required in connection with the establishment or removal of pedestrian crossings in accordance with the prescribed provisions.

Pedestrian's
right of way
in pedestrian
crossing.

83.—(1) The driver or operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, when a pedestrian is at or in the pedestrian crossing.

(2) Where a vehicle is stopped at a pedestrian crossing to permit pedestrians to cross the road, the driver or operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear of the stopped vehicle shall not overtake or pass the stopped vehicle.

(3) A driver or operator who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

Duties of
pedestrians.

84.—(1) Where a pedestrian crossing is situated in conjunction with a pedestrian signal, a pedestrian shall not enter the crossing, except in accordance with the indications of the pedestrian signal.

(2) A pedestrian shall not suddenly enter a pedestrian crossing and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is not possible for the driver or operator to yield.

(3) Where a sidewalk or footpath abuts the road, a pedestrian shall not walk onto the road, except for the purpose of crossing from one side of the road to the other side of the road or for some reasonable cause.

(4) A pedestrian, on a road which has no sidewalk or footpath abutting the road shall walk as near as is practicable to the edge of the road, except where the presence of pedestrians on the road is prohibited by a prescribed road sign.

(5) A pedestrian shall not cross a road without satisfying himself that the road is sufficiently free of oncoming traffic so as to permit him to cross the road safely.

(6) A pedestrian, when crossing a road by means of a pedestrian crossing or in any other manner, shall not linger on the road unnecessarily.

(7) A pedestrian on a road shall not act in a manner that constitutes, or is likely to constitute, a source of danger to himself or to other traffic which is or may be on the road.

85.—(1) A Local Authority may, at the request of the Authority, make rules prohibiting, restricting or regulating the parking of vehicles on any road, street, or public place and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the rules may, subject to approval by the Minister responsible for local government, provide for the—

- (a) imposition of charges in respect of vehicles left in any road, street or public place; and
- (b) the method of collection of such charges, in an apparatus provided for the purpose (hereinafter referred to as a “parking meter”) or otherwise.

(2) The exercise by a Local Authority of its functions under this section shall not render the Local Authority subject to any liability in respect of the loss of or damage to any vehicle in a parking place or the contents or fittings of any such vehicle.

(3) Where provision is made for the use of parking meters, it shall be the duty of the Local Authority to—

- (a) take the prescribed steps for the periodic inspection of the parking meters;
- (b) repair any parking meter found to be out of order;
- (c) secure the testing of the parking meters—
 - (i) before they are brought into use; and
 - (ii) not less frequently thereafter than may be prescribed; and
- (d) record in the prescribed manner the date on which, and the person by whom, a parking meter has been tested.

86.—(1) A person commits an offence who—

- (a) being the driver or operator of a vehicle;
 - (i) leaves the vehicle in a parking place designated by the rules under section 85(1), otherwise than as prescribed under the rules; or

Parking of vehicles.

Offences relating to parking places.

- (ii) fails to pay any charge payable pursuant to the rules or contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of the rules relating to the parking place as to the manner in which vehicles shall stand or be driven into or out of, the parking place; or
- (b) whether being the driver or operator of a vehicle or not, otherwise contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of the rules.

(2) In relation to an offence under subsection (1)(a), the reference to the driver of a vehicle shall be construed as a reference to the person in control of the vehicle at the time the vehicle was in the parking place.

(3) A person who, with intent to defraud, interferes with a parking meter, or operates or attempts to operate a parking meter commits an offence.

(4) Where, in any proceedings under this Act for an offence of failing to pay any charge, it is proved that the amount which has become due, or any part of that amount, has not been paid, the court shall order the payment of the sum not paid and, in default of payment, the person charged shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten days.

(5) In any proceedings for an offence under this section, it shall be deemed, unless the contrary is shown, that any apparatus provided for the purposes of a parking place, is of a type and design prescribed by the rules under section 85(1).

(6) A Local Authority may institute proceedings for an offence under this section in connection with a parking place for which it has responsibility.

The Road Code

87.—(1) The Authority shall prepare, in accordance with this Act and the regulations, a code comprising such directions as appear to the Authority to be proper for the guidance of persons using the roads (in this Act referred to as the “Road Code”).

Issue by Authority of directions for guidance of users of roads.

(2) The Authority shall review the Road Code at least once every five years.

(3) The Authority shall cause the Road Code, and every review of the Road Code, to be made available to the public at a price, if any, prescribed by the Authority.

(4) The failure on the part of any person to observe any provisions of the Road Code shall not by itself render that person liable to criminal proceedings of any kind; but such failure may in any proceedings (whether civil or criminal and including proceedings for an offence against this Act) be relied upon by any party to the proceedings as evidence tending to establish or to negate any liability which is in question in those proceedings.

88.—(1) A person shall not ride on the running board, wings or fenders of a motor vehicle or on the outside of the motor vehicle.

Riding on outside of motor vehicles.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

89.—(1) A motor vehicle when not in motion—

Stationary motor vehicles.

(a) shall be placed—

- (i) with its near side as close to the left of the road as possible;
- (ii) in a safe position;
- (iii) as may be indicated by a constable or by notice exhibited by the Authority;

- (b) shall not be placed, parked or allowed to remain in such a position as to obstruct, or be likely to obstruct, traffic on a road.

(2) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not leave the motor vehicle unattended, without having stopped the engine and taken due precautions against it being moved or moving in his absence.

(3) A person shall not pour any petrol or other fuel into any tank of a motor vehicle or into any receptacle in or on a motor vehicle while its engine is running, or when any naked light, other than an electric light, is alight in or on the motor vehicle.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (3) commits an offence.

Directions by
drivers.

90.—(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall—

- (a) before turning to, or changing direction towards the left or right; or
- (b) before bringing the motor vehicle to a stop and keeping it stationary,

give the prescribed signal so as to indicate that direction or the intention to stop the motor vehicle and keep it stationary, as the case may be.

(2) When approaching a constable on duty at a road junction, the driver of a motor vehicle shall give the appropriate signal so as to indicate the direction in which he wishes to proceed and so as to be visible to the constable.

(3) The use of additional signals may be prescribed; and all or any of the signals prescribed may be given by any hand signal or mechanical or illuminated device of a type prescribed by the Authority.

(4) The owner of a motor vehicle shall ensure that the motor vehicle is fitted with a mechanical or illuminated device prescribed by the Authority.

(5) The mechanical or illuminated device—

- (a) shall be employed by the driver of the motor vehicle to indicate the intention of the driver to turn to, or change direction towards the right or left, or of his intention to stop the motor vehicle and to keep it stationary; and

(b) may be employed to signal to the driver of an overtaking motor vehicle to pass, or not to pass, as the case may be.

(6) A person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (4), commits an offence.

91.—(1) The driver or operator of a vehicle shall obey all directions given by a constable in the execution of his duty, to—

Directions by police to be obeyed.

- (a) stop the vehicle;
- (b) keep the vehicle stationary;
- (c) make the vehicle slow down;
- (d) pass on any indicated side of the constable;
- (e) keep to any indicated line of traffic; or
- (f) comply with any other direction given.

(2) A driver or operator of a vehicle who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

92.—(1) A person commits an offence if the person promotes, organizes or takes part in any race, sporting event or trial of speed on a road, without the prior written consent of the Road Authority; and where the race, sporting event or trial of speed will take place within the area of jurisdiction of any Local Authority, the prior written consent of the Local Authority shall also be obtained.

Racing, sports and trial of speed on roads.

(2) In granting consent under subsection (1), the Road Authority or the Local Authority, as the case may be, may—

- (a) in addition to any requirement prescribed in this Act or the regulations, impose such further conditions as it deems expedient;
- (b) exempt any person concerned with the race, sporting event or trial of speed, for the duration of the race, event or trial, from any—
 - (i) provisions of this Act regarding any speed limit or determine another speed limit for the road concerned;

- (ii) other provision of this Act or the regulations; and
- (c) levy fees for defraying the expenses incurred by the Road Authority or Local Authority, as the case may be, in connection with the race, sporting event or trial of speed.

(3) Any consent granted in terms of subsection (1) may be withdrawn at any time in the interest of public safety.

(4) If the staging or continuation of a race, sporting event or trial of speed is causing or will cause any danger or undue obstruction for other road users or any of the participants in the event, a member of the Constabulary Force at or above the rank of Inspector who is responsible for the safety of the public in the area where the race, sporting event or trial of speed is staged, or a member of the Road Authority or the Local Authority so authorized, may act in accordance with subsection (5).

(5) The member referred to in subsection (4) may immediately withdraw the permit for the event or amend the terms and conditions of the permit to ensure the safety of road users.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a race, sporting event or trial of speed includes any—

- (a) race, speed trial, reliability trial, hill climbing competition or any sporting event using the roads; or
- (b) other activity which may—
 - (i) constitute a source of danger to traffic; or
 - (ii) impede or disrupt the normal flow of traffic.

Obstructing
traffic on
road.

93.—(1) A person shall not wilfully or unnecessarily hinder, interrupt or otherwise obstruct the free and proper passage of traffic on a road.

(2) Subject to this Act, the regulations and any other enactment, a person shall not place or abandon, or cause to be placed or abandoned, on a road any object that may endanger pedestrians or cause damage to vehicles or injure pedestrians or occupants of vehicles on the road.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence.

94.—(1) A person commits an offence if the person leaves or abandons a vehicle on a road in a position or in circumstances which, in the opinion of a constable, are likely to cause danger or obstruction to other traffic on the road; and the vehicle may be removed forthwith by the constable or a person instructed by the constable to remove the vehicle.

Vehicle left
or abandoned
on road.

(2) Where, under subsection (1), a vehicle was carrying persons who are subsequently left stranded at the scene when the vehicle is removed to a safer place, the constable may arrange and contract with another person to provide transport to the persons.

(3) The constable may, in removing the vehicle, use a device as may be necessary, having regard to public safety.

(4) The owner of a vehicle referred to in subsection (2) shall be liable for all expenses incurred in the removal of the vehicle and the arrangement and contracting of another vehicle to transport stranded persons.

(5) Subject to subsection (6), a vehicle that is—

- (a) parked in a place where—
 - (i) the stopping of a vehicle is prohibited; or
 - (ii) vehicles of a class to which the vehicle belongs may not be parked,

and the vehicle is left for a continuous period of more than twenty-four hours in the same place on a road within an urban area or seven days in the same place on a road outside an urban area;

- (b) found on a road with no—
 - (i) registration plate affixed or a false registration plate affixed; or
 - (ii) other number or anything else affixed which may, in the opinion of a constable, serve to identify its owner,

shall be removed by or on behalf of the appropriate authority.

(6) Prior to acting under subsection (5), the appropriate authority, shall take all reasonable steps to identify the owner; and the owner shall, except in the case of a stolen vehicle, be liable to the appropriate authority for the expenses incurred in—

- (a) the removal of the vehicle;
- (b) keeping the vehicle in storage for a period not exceeding four months; and
- (c) connection with the effort to identify the owner,

and the appropriate authority may, subject to subsection (4), retain possession of the vehicle until such expenses have been paid.

(7) Where the appropriate authority has removed a vehicle under subsection (5) and the vehicle has not been claimed within ninety days, the vehicle shall be deemed abandoned and the appropriate authority may make an application under section 95.

(8) In this section, “appropriate authority”, in relation to a vehicle that has been removed, means—

- (a) where the removal is under subsection (1), the Constabulary Force; and
- (b) where the removal is under subsection (5), the Local Authority having jurisdiction over the place or road.

(9) The reasonable and *bona fide* exercise by any person or authority of the powers conferred by this section shall not subject the person to any personal liability in respect of the loss, theft of or damage to the vehicle or part of the vehicle or of anything in or on the vehicle.

Forfeiture of
seized and
abandoned
vehicle.

95.—(1) Where a vehicle is seized under section 13(6) or removed under section 94(1) or (5), the appropriate authority may apply to the Parish Court having jurisdiction for the forfeiture of the vehicle; and, if the court is satisfied, on a balance of probability, that the vehicle has been abandoned, the Judge of the Parish Court may order the forfeiture of the vehicle.

(2) Where a person proposes to apply for the forfeiture of any vehicle under subsection (1), the person shall give to any person who, to his knowledge, was the owner at the time of the seizure or removal, notice of the seizure or removal of the vehicle and of the person's intention, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of the notice, to apply for forfeiture of the vehicle and of the grounds for forfeiture.

(3) Without prejudice to any other form of service or notification, notification may, for the purposes of subsection (2), be made by publication in a daily newspaper circulated in Jamaica.

(4) Any person having a claim to any vehicle seized or removed under this section may appear before the court on the hearing of the application and show cause why an order for forfeiture should not be made.

(5) Where, on the hearing of an application pursuant to subsection (1) for the forfeiture of a motor vehicle, the court is satisfied, on a balance of probability, that a motor vehicle had been abandoned, the court may make an order under subsection (1).

(6) Where a vehicle has been involved in the commission of an offence, the cost and expenses incurred in the removal and storage of the vehicle may be recovered by the Government as a civil debt in a Parish Court, and an order for payment may be made by the court in the same proceeding where a person is convicted under section 13(3), (4) or (5) or section 94(1).

(7) Any person prejudiced by an order made by the court under subsection (1), may make an application to the court for the revocation of the order, and, if the court is satisfied that it is just to revoke the order, the court—

- (a) may revoke the order upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate; and

- (b) shall require the applicant to pay in respect of storage, maintenance, administrative expenses, security and insurance of the vehicle such costs as shall be incurred by the person who exercised the powers of removal or seizure, subject to the cost having been approved by the court as reasonable.

(8) Subject to this section, where by virtue of any provision made by or pursuant to this Act, a vehicle has been, or could at any time be, removed from a road, the appropriate authority may, if it appears to it that the vehicle has been abandoned, sell or otherwise dispose of the vehicle and—

- (a) apply the proceeds of sale of the vehicle in or towards satisfaction of any costs incurred by the Local Authority in connection with the storage and disposal of the vehicle or any charge to payment of which they are entitled under section 94(6);
- (b) recoup from the owner any such costs as aforesaid which are not satisfied under paragraph (a);
- (c) any sums received by the appropriate authority on sale of the vehicle, after deducting any sum applied thereof by virtue of paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be paid to the owner or if the owner cannot be identified, be paid to the Accountant-General and if not claimed within six months, paid to the Consolidated Fund.

(9) A power of disposal conferred by subsection (8) shall not be exercisable in the case of a vehicle unless the appropriate authority has obtained an order for forfeiture in accordance with this section.

(10) An application under subsection (7) for the revocation of an order shall be made within thirty days of the date of the order or within such greater time, not exceeding six months after the date of the order as the court may allow.

96.—(1) Where a person is charged with an offence against this Act and a vehicle involved in the commission of the offence is taken, seized or detained, the owner thereof may, at any time before the determination of the matter, apply to the court for the release of the vehicle on the provision of security in accordance with this section. Security for release of vehicle.

(2) On hearing the application, the court may order the release of the vehicle on being satisfied that adequate security has been given to the Government in respect of—

- (a) the maximum fine to which the accused person may be liable or the value of the vehicle whichever is greater; and
- (b) a reasonable estimate of the likely cost and expenses that the Government may recover.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the court may, where it is satisfied that special circumstances so warrant, order that the security be in a specified amount that is less than the amount required by that subsection.

(4) The security referred to in subsection (2) shall be on terms whereby it shall remain in force unless—

- (a) the accused person is found not guilty of the offence; or
- (b) the accused person, on being convicted of the offence, pays in full, within fourteen days after conviction, the amount of the fine imposed by the court and the amount of all costs and expenses due by him to the Government.

(5) If the circumstances in subsection (4) arise, the security paid under subsection (2) shall be returned forthwith to the person making the payment.

(6) The amount specified in the security shall be recoverable in full in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Government jointly and severally by the person or persons by whom the security is given, if the person or persons prove the due performance of the condition for which the security was made.

Damage to
roads.

97.—(1) It shall be an offence for any person on a road to—

- (a) use any vehicle or object or move any vehicle or object on the road, in a manner causing or likely to cause damage to the road or road infrastructure;
- (b) cause to be spilled on the road surface any debris, concrete mix, garbage, oil or similar material; or
- (c) cause debris or any matter to be burnt or used in such a manner as to cause damage to the road.

(2) The Road Authority shall be entitled to recover from the person charged under subsection (1), the costs and expenses incurred to repair any damage to the road or road infrastructure as a civil debt in the Parish Court for the parish in which the damage was done.

(3) In this section, “road infrastructure” includes any physical construct on the road, produced with the intention of enhancing the road network, such as railings, guard railings, paved corridors, bridges, culverts, retaining walls, road markings, kerb walls, pavement markers and road signs.

PART X—*Demerit Points*

Demerit
points on
conviction
for certain
offences.
Sixth
Schedule.

98.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), where any person is convicted under a provision specified in Column 1 of the Sixth Schedule of an offence specified in Column 2 of that Schedule, the court before which that person is convicted shall, in addition to any penalty for that offence, order—

- (a) that the demerit points specified in that Schedule in relation to that offence be recorded against any driver’s licence held by that person; and
- (b) that the record of the order be forwarded to the Authority for action to be taken in accordance with the provisions of section 32.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply if the penalty imposed by the court on the person convicted of the offence includes a period of suspension of the driver's licence or an order disqualifying that person from holding or obtaining a driver's licence.

(3) Where a person is served with a prescribed notice under section 105(2) in respect of an offence to which that section relates and pays a fixed penalty in accordance with that section—

- (a) the number of demerit points specified in the Sixth Schedule shall be recorded against any licence held by that person; and
- (b) the officer in charge of the Traffic Division of the Constabulary Force shall record in respect of that person—
 - (i) details of the offence committed;
 - (ii) the date on which the fixed penalty was paid;
 - (iii) the number of demerit points specified in the Sixth Schedule in relation to that offence; and
 - (iv) the total number of demerit points accumulated as of that date; and
- (c) the Traffic Division of the Constabulary Force shall forward to the Authority the information regarding the demerit points recorded against the driver's licence of that person.

Sixth
Schedule.

99. Where demerit points have been recorded against a person's driver's licence under section 98, and the driver's licence of the person—

- (a) has been suspended under section 32, the Authority shall cause the demerit points that have been recorded against that driver's licence to be expunged, in the prescribed manner, after the period of suspension has ended; or
- (b) has not been suspended, demerit points that have been recorded against the person's driver's licence shall expire in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Expiration
and
expungement
of demerit
points.

Changes in
the demerit
point system
by the
Minister.

Sixth
Schedule,

100. Where the Minister amends the Sixth Schedule pursuant to section 128, the order shall be published in a daily newspaper circulated in Jamaica not less than seven days before the coming into force of the order and shall also be published in the *Gazette*.

PART XI—*Weighing of Vehicles*

Calculation
of unladen
weight

101. For the purposes of this Act—

- (a) the unladen weight of any vehicle shall be deemed to be the weight of the vehicle—
 - (i) inclusive of the body and all parts, which are necessary to, or ordinarily used with the vehicle when in use on a road; and
 - (ii) exclusive of the weight of loose tools and loose equipment;
- (b) the laden weight of any vehicle shall be the unladen weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles plus the weight of any load carried on the vehicle or combination of vehicles; and
- (c) all wheels whose centres are included between two parallel transverse vertical planes that are 1.016 metres apart, extending the full width of the vehicle shall comprise an axle, and the total load transmitted to the road by the wheels shall constitute an axle load.

Operating
vehicle in
excess of
prescribed
maximum
laden weight.

102.—(1) A person who owns or operates a vehicle, or any part of a vehicle, which is transmitting, to the road, weight in excess of the prescribed maximum laden weight, or in excess of the prescribed axle load, commits an offence.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a person is deemed to operate a vehicle if the person—

- (a) is responsible for supervising the loading of the vehicle; or
- (b) is the holder of a special permit referred to in this Act or the regulations.

103.—(1) Subject to the regulations, a constable or a person authorized by or on behalf of the Authority may, on production of evidence of his authority, require the person in charge of any vehicle to allow the—

Weighing of vehicles.

- (a) vehicle to be weighed, as directed, whether or not the vehicle is laden; and
- (b) weight transmitted to the road by any parts of the vehicle in contact with the road to be tested.

(2) Every person in charge of a vehicle who fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) commits an offence.

(3) A constable or person authorized by or on behalf of the Authority under subsection (1) shall not require the person in charge of the vehicle to unload the vehicle or to cause or allow it to be unloaded, for the purpose of being weighed unladen.

(4) The person in charge of the vehicle shall not be required to proceed further than such distance as may be prescribed for the purpose of the vehicle complying with subsection (1).

(5) Where a vehicle or any part of the vehicle is found to be transmitting to the road, weight in excess of the prescribed maximum laden weight or in excess of the prescribed maximum axle load, a constable or a person authorized by or on behalf of the Authority may remove or cause to be removed, any goods from the vehicle in order to ensure that the weight transmitted to the road is within the prescribed limit.

(6) Where a vehicle, is weighed under this section, a certificate of weight certifying the laden weight of the vehicle shall be given to the person in charge of the vehicle.

(7) The Authority may provide and maintain machines of a fixed or portable construction for the weighing of vehicles.

Further provisions re weighing of vehicles.

104.—(1) The Authority and any person authorized to act on its behalf shall not be liable for any loss of earnings or loss of goods where a constable or person authorized under section 103(1) requires that—

- (a) the person in charge of a vehicle allow the vehicle to be weighed; and
- (b) goods be removed from the vehicle under section 103(5) or subsection (2).

(2) Where the weight of a vehicle, or any part of the vehicle, weighed under section 103 is found to be above the prescribed maximum laden weight or maximum axle load, and goods are accordingly required to be removed from the vehicle, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall ensure that another vehicle is dispatched and the excess goods be off-loaded, at the owner's expense, onto the dispatched vehicle in a manner not likely to cause obstruction to traffic; and the overweight vehicle shall not be permitted to proceed until the prescribed weight limit in respect of that vehicle has been satisfied.

(3) The owner or operator of a vehicle who fails to comply with subsection (2) commits an offence; and the vehicle shall be treated as being abandoned, for the purposes of section 94, if it has been left at the location where weighed for a continuous period of more than twenty-four hours.

(4) In this section, "goods" includes materials, produce, livestock, equipment or any other article.

PART XII—*Fixed Penalties*

105.—(1) Subject to subsection (7), this section shall apply to any offence created by this Act or the regulations and punishable on summary conviction, being an offence—

Punishment without prosecution for certain offences.

- (a) committed in respect of a vehicle by—
 - (i) its being left or parked on a road without the lights or reflectors as prescribed;
 - (ii) its obstructing a road or waiting, or being left or parked or being loaded or unloaded, on a road; or
 - (iii) the non-payment of the charge made at a parking place;
- (b) specified in the First Schedule; or
- (c) specified in the regulations as being subject to a fixed penalty.

First Schedule.

(2) Where a constable has reason to believe that a person is committing or has committed an offence referred to in subsection (1), the constable may issue to the person or in the case of an offence detected by such electronic means as may be prescribed, issue to the owner of the vehicle, the prescribed notice, in writing—

- (a) offering the opportunity to discharge any liability to conviction of that offence by the payment of a fixed penalty; or
- (b) summoning the person to attend the court indicated in the prescribed notice to answer to the charge outlined in the notice.

(3) A person shall not be liable to be convicted of an offence referred to in subsection (1) if the fixed penalty is paid in accordance with this section before the expiration of the final adjudication of the case.

(4) Where a person is issued a notice under this section in respect of an offence, proceedings shall not be taken against any person for that offence by a constable or Local Authority, as the case may be, until the end of the thirty days following the date of the notice or such longer period (if any) as may have been specified in the notice.

(5) In subsection (4), “proceedings” means any criminal proceedings in respect of the act or omission constituting the offence specified in the prescribed notice under subsection (2) and “convicted” shall be construed in like manner.

(6) Payment of a fixed penalty under this section and the regulations shall be made in respect of any offence specified in—

- (a) subsection (1)(a), to the relevant Local Authority or to such other payee on its behalf as may be prescribed by the Minister responsible for local government; and
- (b) the First Schedule or the regulations referred to in subsection (1)(c), to any Collector of Taxes at its offices, or on the website of Tax Administration Jamaica, at any time before the final adjudication of the case.

First
Schedule.

(7) In any proceedings in respect of a fixed penalty under this section—

- (a) a certificate that the payment of the fixed penalty was or, was not made to the Local Authority or to the Collector of Taxes, as the case may be, on or by a date specified in the certificate, if the certificate purports to be signed by the secretary of the Local Authority or such other person referred to in subsection (6)(a) or the Collector of Taxes; or
- (b) an electronically-generated receipt purportedly issued by the website of Tax Administration Jamaica (in the case of a payment made on its website),

shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated in the certificate or receipt, unless the contrary is proved.

(8) Without prejudice to section 115, a notice under subsection (2) shall be in such form as the Minister may, by order, prescribe.

(9) A notice under subsection (2) shall—

- (a) specify the offence alleged;
- (b) give such particulars of the offence as are necessary for giving reasonable information of the allegation;

- (c) state the period during which, by virtue of subsection (4), proceedings will not be taken for the offence;
- (d) state the amount of the fixed penalty and that the fixed penalty shall be paid to—
 - (i) the relevant Local Authority; and
 - (ii) any Collector of Taxes at its offices or on the website of Tax Administration Jamaica,

as the case may require, and, in the case of payment to a Local Authority, the address at which the fixed penalty may be paid;

- (e) require the person, in the event that the fixed penalty is not paid within the period specified in the notice under subsection (4), to attend before the Traffic Court, or as the case may be, the Parish Court in the parish in which the offence is alleged to have been committed, to answer the charge on such date as may be specified, being a date not earlier than ten days after the expiration of the period specified pursuant to subsection (4).

(10) Where a constable finds a vehicle on an occasion and has reason to believe that on that occasion there is being or has been committed in respect of it an offence to which this section applies, he may proceed under this section as if he had found a person reasonably believed by him to be committing the offence, and for that purpose, a notice affixed to the vehicle shall be deemed to be given to the person liable for that offence.

(11) A notice affixed to a vehicle under subsection (10) shall not be removed or interfered with except by or under the authority of the driver or person in charge of the vehicle or the person liable for the offence in question, and every person contravening this subsection commits an offence.

(12) Subject to subsections (13) and (14), the fixed penalty for an offence specified in the First Schedule, shall be the amount so specified in relation to the offence.

First
Schedule.

First
Schedule.

(13) Where the amount of the fixed penalty for an offence specified in the First Schedule (in this subsection referred to as the “prompt payment amount”) is not paid within the period referred to in subsection (4), the amount of fixed penalty shall be increased by a prescribed late payment amount which shall accrue on the first day of each successive calendar month after the expiration of the period referred to in subsection (4) until the liability in respect of the fixed penalty (being the aggregate of the prompt payment amount and the accrued late payment amounts) is settled by payment in accordance with subsection (6).

(14) Nothing in subsection (13) shall restrict the power of the court to make such order as it thinks fit on the final adjudication of the case if it goes to trial.

(15) In any proceedings for an offence to which subsection (1) applies, no reference shall be made to the—

- (a) giving or affixing of any notice under this section; or
- (b) payment or non-payment of a fixed penalty thereunder,

unless in the course of the proceedings or in some document which is before the court in connection with the proceedings reference has been made by or on behalf of the accused to the giving or affixing of such a notice or, as the case may be, to the payment or non-payment.

(16) For the purposes of this Act, where a notice is issued under subsection (2) to the owner of a vehicle—

- (a) the provisions of this Act shall apply as if the owner of the vehicle was the driver of the vehicle at the time of the commission of the offence in respect of which the notice is issued; and
- (b) notwithstanding paragraph (a), the provisions of section 98 (demerit points on conviction for certain offences) shall not apply to the owner of a vehicle to whom a ticket is issued under subsection (2).

Documents

106.—(1) A document purporting to be an extract from, or a copy of, any other document kept under this Act and purporting to be certified as such shall, in any court and upon all occasions, be admissible and be *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the matters stated in the original document, without the production of the original document.

Copy of entry in any document, to be *prima facie* evidence.

(2) The information contained in a document referred to in subsection (1) kept for the purposes of this Act shall be provided to—

- (a) a constable who requires it for the carrying out of his duties;
- (b) a company registered under the *Insurance Act* and authorized by the Minister for the purpose of providing insurance coverage under the *Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act*, on payment of the prescribed fee;
- (c) any person authorized thereto by the Minister to demand the information; or
- (d) any person accused of an offence under this Act or the regulations, or any person authorized by him in that behalf on payment of the prescribed fee.

(3) Any person or company to whom information is communicated under this Act or the regulations shall regard and deal with the information as confidential, save as and to the extent otherwise provided in any other law.

(4) A person referred to in subsection (2) or (3) having possession of, or control over any document referred to in subsection (1) who at any time communicates or attempts to communicate information or anything contained in the document to any person, otherwise than for the purposes of this Act, or the regulations—

- (a) to any person, other than an investigative authority, except in accordance with applicable law; or
- (b) otherwise than pursuant to a court order,

commits an offence.

(5) Every institution or person keeping a document under this Act shall, at the request of any constable or person so authorized, confirm whether certain information corresponds to the information contained in the document, if that person, on reasonable grounds, requires confirmation of the information.

Cognizance may be taken of information contained in document.

107. The Minister, may, in exercising his discretion or taking a decision under this Act, have regard to any information contained in a document kept under this Act.

Defacing or destroying documents.

108.—(1) A person shall not wilfully deface or destroy any document, or part of the document, kept by the Authority.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

PART XIII—*General*

Authority may make governance regulations.

109. The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations for the governance and administration of the Authority.

General power of making regulations.

110.—(1) The Minister may make regulations generally for giving effect to this Act and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations in respect to any of the following matters—

- (a) the use of vehicles on roads;
- (b) the construction and equipment of vehicles;
- (c) the requirements for the fitness of vehicles in general, and specific classes of vehicles in particular;
- (d) the periods for the testing and re-testing of the fitness of vehicles and the fitness of equipment on existing vehicles;
- (e) the conditions under which vehicles may be used;
- (f) the limits of traffic areas and licensing areas;
- (g) the width, height and length of vehicles and the loads which may be carried by vehicles, the overhang of the bodies of vehicles over their chassis, the diameter of wheels and the width, type and condition of the tyres of vehicles;

- (h) the emission of gases (including green house gases), vapour, particulate matter, smoke, sparks, ashes, grit, oily substances or any other related substances by vehicles;
- (i) environmental risk assessments and traffic injury reduction;
- (j) the maximum weight, or the axle load, of vehicles and the maximum weight to be transmitted to the road by a vehicle of any class or description or by any part or parts of the vehicle in contact with the road and the conditions under which weights may be required to be tested;
- (k) the use, restriction or prohibition of a vehicle of any class or description on any road, or part of a road which may vary according to the season of the year or with reference to wet or dry periods or road conditions;
- (l) the calculation of the unladen weight of any vehicle, the axle load or the unit of horsepower, the cylindrical capacity of any engine or any other basis which may be prescribed for the purpose of any rate of duty specified in the Third Schedule;
- (m) notices on, or in connection with, or with respect to, a road, or a part of a road, by the Road Authority dealing with the type of tyre to be used on the road, or a part of the road, or the total weight and dimensions (measured overall with the load) of the vehicle using the road, or part of the road, or preventing, or restricting or, permanently or temporarily, any particular class or kind of vehicle from using or proceeding along the road, or part of the road;
- (n) the particulars to be marked on vehicles;
- (o) the towing or drawing of a vehicle by another vehicle;
- (p) the efficiency of brakes and the securing of brakes, silencers, mufflers, steering gears and drive trains of vehicles;

Third
Schedule.

- (q) the forms to be used and the particulars to be furnished for the purposes of this Act;
- (r) the licensing or registration of vehicles;
- (s) the granting of a licence and registration plates to dealers in vehicles and the conditions subject to which such registration plates may be granted and the amount to be paid therefor, the returns to be made by the dealers and for assigning a general identification mark to the dealers;
- (t) the custody, production, suspension, cancellation or revocation of licences and certificates of fitness and the return to the Authority of licences which have become void or have been suspended, cancelled or revoked;
- (u) prohibiting the driving of vehicles, or of vehicles of a specified class or description, on any specified road, otherwise than in a specified direction;
- (v) the prior right of passage along all roads of vehicles used—
 - (i) as emergency vehicles;
 - (ii) for the purpose of collecting or transporting a person in immediate need of medical attention; or
 - (iii) in such other circumstances as the Minister may prescribe;
- (w) the safety of traffic on a road, including the restriction of the use of any road or part of the road by the traffic and the duties of the users of any such road;
- (x) the conditions on which vehicles fitted with steering apparatus on the left side may be imported into Jamaica or operated on a road, including the power to prohibit the operation of such vehicles on a road;
- (y) the designation of lanes and zones on a road or part thereof for the use by vehicles carrying passengers;

- (z) the number, nature and kind of lights, including reflectors, to be carried by any vehicle operated on a road, the position in which they shall be placed on a vehicle and the manner, conditions and times of their use and the use of any light or lighting device which may endanger public safety;
- (aa) the transportation, by road, of dangerous goods;
- (ab) the electronic monitoring and surveillance of vehicles, the electronic detection and recording of offences committed against this Act and the method of charging for such offences;
- (ac) the testing, sealing, maintenance and use of traffic offence detection devices, including the approval by the Authority of persons to test, seal, maintain or use traffic offence detection devices;
- (ad) the issue, expiration and expungement of demerit points;
- (ae) procedure for the establishment and removal of pedestrian crossings;
- (af) the movement of traffic;
- (ag) the installation in, and use of seat belts in motor vehicles;
- (ah) the licensing and regulation of driving instructors and driving schools;
- (ai) the improper use of warning devices;
- (aj) noise limit values for vehicles;
- (ak) test methods for measuring noise emission;
- (al) the regulation of motor vehicle sound systems, defective noise control equipment and exhaust systems;
- (am) the establishment of procedures and the development, implementation and monitoring of strategic noise maps and plans and programmes for the reduction of noise on roads;
- (an) the content and issue of notices under section 105(2); and
- (ao) the procedure applicable for the payment of fixed penalties and the late payment amount when a fixed penalty is not paid on time.

(2) The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations prescribing the maximum speed at which vehicles of any class or description may be driven on any road or within a prescribed area.

(3) The Minister may make regulations providing for the following matters in relation to the tests to be taken for driver's licences or any alternative to the test as to—

- (a) who shall take the test;
- (b) details of the matters to be tested;
- (c) the times at which the test is available to be taken;
- (d) how often a person may take the test;
- (e) the fee payable for taking or re-taking the test; and
- (f) any other matter that the Minister thinks necessary.

(4) Regulations made under subsection (1)(ab) or (3) and any regulations made under this Act which provides for a custodial sentence shall be subject to affirmative resolution.

Incorporation of standards by reference.

111.—(1) The Minister may incorporate in the regulations any standard, (without stating the text of the standard) by reference to the number, title and year of issue of that standard or to any particulars by which that standard is sufficiently identified.

(2) If any standard is, at any time after the incorporation in the regulations, amended, revoked or replaced, the notice incorporating that standard in the regulations shall, unless otherwise stated in the notice, be deemed to refer to that standard as so amended or replaced, as the case may be.

Special permit.

112. The Minister may subject to such conditions and upon the payment of the prescribed fees or charges grant a special permit, either generally or specifically authorizing the—

- (a) operation on a road of a vehicle not in compliance with this Act; or
- (b) the conveyance of passengers or any load on a road.

113.—(1) The Authority, in the presence of a constable or authorized by a warrant, may carry out any inspection it considers necessary in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act.

Inspections for ensuring that provisions of Act are given effect to.

(2) A person who obstructs or hinders the Authority in the carrying out of any inspection under subsection (1) commits an offence.

114. A person who is unable to sign his name shall, whenever his signature is required upon any document under this Act, impress in the place thereof his left thumb print upon the space within which he would otherwise have been required to sign his name; and if the person's left thumb print is not available, he shall in place thereof impress another of his fingerprints on the document so marked and same shall be endorsed by the constable in whose presence the print is made, identifying the finger used.

Signature upon documents.

115.—(1) Any notice under this Act that is authorized or required to be served upon or issued to any person, shall either be—

Service of notices.

- (a) served personally upon the person to whom it is addressed;
- (b) sent to that person by registered post to his last known address; or
- (c) sent to that person by electronic means.

(2) Service by registered post in terms of subsection (1) shall be deemed to have been effected on the tenth day after the date stamped upon the receipt for registration issued by the post office which accepted the notice.

(3) Service by electronic means shall be deemed to have occurred on the next business day after the document is sent to the addressee at an electronic address previously given by the addressee.

(4) A certificate by the person who issued the notice referred to in subsection (1), or by a person authorized on his behalf to do so, stating the time, place and manner of issuing the notice, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the notice was duly served.

Certain provisions of Act not to apply to vehicles of Jamaica Defence Force and the Constabulary Force.

116.—(1) Sections 7(1), 11, 68 and 102 shall not apply to or have any force or effect in respect of, any motor vehicle belonging to the Jamaica Defence Force.

(2) Section 7(1)(b), (c) and (d) shall not apply or have any force or effect in respect of any motor vehicle belonging to the Constabulary Force.

Exemption from certain restrictions.

117. Subject to the provisions of sections 52 and 56, any other provisions that apply to emergency vehicles under this Act which—

- (a) require any motor vehicle to slow down or stop at the intersection of any two or more streets or roads; or
- (b) prohibit or restrict the parking of any motor vehicle on any street or road;

shall not apply to the driver of an emergency vehicle while the vehicle is on duty or on emergency service.

Evidence by certificate.

118.—(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), in any proceedings for an offence under this Act, a certificate in the prescribed form, purporting to be signed by a constable and certifying that a person specified in the certificate stated to the constable that on a particular occasion a motor vehicle—

- (a) was being driven by, or belonged to, that person;
- (b) was used by, or belonged to, a firm in which that person also stated that he was at the time of the statement, a partner; or
- (c) was used by, or belonged to, a corporation of which that person also stated that he was at the time of the statement a director, officer or employee,

shall be admissible as evidence for the purpose of determining by whom the motor vehicle was being driven or used or to whom it belonged, as the case may be, on that occasion.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be deemed to make a certificate admissible as evidence in proceedings for an offence except

in a case where and to the like extent to which oral evidence to the like effect would have been admissible in those proceedings.

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be deemed to make a certificate admissible as evidence in proceedings for an offence—

- (a) unless a copy of the certificate has, not less than seven days before the hearing or trial, been served in the prescribed manner on the person charged with the offence; or
- (b) if that person, not later than three days before the hearing or trial or within such further time as the court may in special circumstances allow, serves a notice in the prescribed form and manner on the prosecutor requiring attendance at the trial of the person who signed the certificate.

119. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act or the regulations, sections 52, 57, 58(1), 59, 61, 65, 66, 70, 75, 76, 77, 81, 85, 89, 90, 91 and 92 shall apply to animal drawn vehicles and bicycles and the drivers or riders of the animal drawn vehicles and bicycles, subject to the modifications; and references in the provisions to motor vehicles shall be construed as references to the animal drawn vehicles and to bicycles.

Application of certain provisions to animal drawn vehicles and bicycles.

120.—(1) Where a vehicle is removed by an appropriate authority from a parking place or from a road in pursuance of any provision made by or pursuant to this Act, there shall be payable by the owner or person in charge of the vehicle in respect of—

Charges for removing and storing vehicles.

- (a) the removal and the fixed charges; and
- (b) any period during which the motor vehicle is in the custody of the appropriate authority,

a charge ascertained by reference to the prescribed rate.

(2) A charge under this section may, without prejudice to any other form of recovery, be recovered by the appropriate authority as a civil debt in a Parish Court.

(3) In this section, “appropriate authority”, in relation to a motor vehicle removed from a parking place, means that Local Authority, the Constabulary Force or the Authority, as the case may be.

Use of
electronic
communication
devices while
driving.

121.—(1) A person shall not drive or operate a vehicle on a road while using an electronic communication device, except where used in hands-free mode.

(2) A person who is in or on a vehicle in the capacity as an instructor shall not hold or use an electronic communication device while the person is instructing or accompanying the holder of a permit.

(3) A person shall not use a wireless communication device or an electronic communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message while driving a motor vehicle on a road.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (3) commits an offence.

(5) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a person driving or operating a motor vehicle while the vehicle is being used as an emergency vehicle.

(6) Subsections (1), (2) and (3) shall not apply where the vehicle is—

- (a) off the road or is lawfully parked on the road;
- (b) not in motion; and
- (c) not impeding traffic.

(7) In this section—

“electronic communication device” means a mobile telephone or other hand-held electronic device that includes a telephone or other telecommunication function, other than a two-way radio;

“telecommunication function” includes—

- (a) sending or receiving oral or written messages;

- (b) sending or receiving facsimile transmission;
- (c) sending or receiving electronic mail or other text-based messages;
- (d) sending or receiving still or moving images; and
- (e) providing access to the internet;

“two-way radio” means any wireless telecommunications apparatus which is designed or adapted—

- (a) for the purpose of transmitting and receiving spoken messages; and
- (b) to operate on any frequency other than 880 MHz to 915 MHz, 925 MHz to 960 MHz, 1710 MHz to 1785 MHz, 1805 MHz to 1880 MHz, 1900 MHz to 1980 MHz or 2110 MHz to 2170 MHz;

“use”, in relation to an electronic communication device, includes one or more of the following actions—

- (a) holding the device in a position in which it may be used;
- (b) operating one or more of the device’s functions;
- (c) communicating orally by means of the device with another person or another device;
- (d) taking a prescribed action in relation to an electronic communication device;

“wireless communication device” means a device used to transfer information over a distance without the use of electrical conductors or wires.

(8) In this section, a mobile telephone or other device is to be treated as being used in hands—free mode if it is not held or required to be held in one hand or both hands or with any other part of the body or otherwise at some point during the course of making or receiving a call or performing any other communication function.

Use of
electronic
visual devices
while driving.

122.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall not drive or operate a motor vehicle on a road while using an electronic visual device, whether or not the electronic visual device is attached to the motor vehicle or is a part of a fixture in the vehicle.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to the person who uses a navigation device, a radio or a device that produces rearview images while reversing.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence.

(4) In subsection (1)—“electronic visual device” means a device that produces images on a screen.

Other
offences.

123. A person commits an offence if the person—

- (a) without the permission of the owner or person in charge of a vehicle—
 - (i) climbs upon or into or swings upon any vehicle, whether the vehicle is in motion or stationary;
 - (ii) sounds any horn or other signalling device of a vehicle;
 - (iii) attempts to manipulate any of the levers, the starter, the brakes or the machinery of a vehicle;
 - (iv) in any manner damages, interferes or tampers with a vehicle; or
 - (v) puts in motion the engine of the vehicle, while the vehicle is left parked;
- (b) throws any object at or from a vehicle whether or not any damage or injury is caused or places any object in or on any road whereby damage to any vehicle or injury to any person is caused;
- (c) uses any spotlight on a vehicle on a road or public place or when another approaching vehicle is in sight, except for providing light for effecting repairs;

- (d) uses or drives or permits to be used or driven any vehicle on a road in a defective condition as regards its mechanical fittings or otherwise, so as to be a source of danger to its occupants or the public;
- (e) neglects, when employing or permitting any person to drive a vehicle to ascertain the correct name and place of residence of such person, at the time of such employment or the granting of such permission and in the case of any such employment to keep a record thereof;
- (f) holds on to the exterior of the vehicle when the vehicle is being driven;
- (g) makes or submits false or inaccurate statements or documents in any declaration required to be made under this Act;
- (h) drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle across a funeral procession;
- (i) deliberately obstructs or hinders a constable or an officer, employee or agent authorized by the Authority during the course of his duties under this Act; or
- (j) smokes ganja, as defined by the *Dangerous Drug Act*, while driving or attempting to drive, or while in charge of a vehicle on a road.

124. Where on the summary trial for an offence under this Act—

- (a) it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that a requirement under subsection (2) of section 69 to give information as to the identity of the driver of a particular vehicle on the particular occasion to which the information relates has been served on the accused by post or by electronic means; and
- (b) a statement in writing is produced to the court purporting to be signed by the accused that the accused was the driver of that vehicle on that occasion,

Proof, in summary proceedings, of identity of the driver of a vehicle.

the court may accept that statement as evidence that the accused was the driver of that vehicle on that occasion.

Particulars of convictions to be furnished to Authority and entered in Driver's Offences Register.

125.—(1) On every conviction for an offence under this Act, the information mentioned in subsection (5) shall be furnished to the Authority by the person referred to in subsection (2).

(2) The information shall, if the conviction is recorded in—

- (a) the Supreme Court, be furnished by the Registrar of the Supreme Court;
- (b) a Circuit Court, be furnished by the Clerk of the Courts of the parish in which the court is held; or
- (c) a court of summary jurisdiction, be furnished by the Clerk of the Courts of the parish in which the court is held.

(3) The Authority shall establish and maintain in such manner as it may determine, a register of offences made by drivers under this Act which shall be known as the Driver's Offences Register.

(4) The Authority shall enter or cause the information so furnished to be entered in the Driver's Offences Register.

(5) The information referred to in subsection (1) is—

- (a) the name and place of residence of the offender;
- (b) the number of his driver's licence or learner's permit, as the case may be;
- (c) the parish in which the offender was granted his driver's licence or learner's permit, as the case may be;
- (d) the offence for which the person has been convicted;
- (e) the number of demerit points imposed against the person in respect of the offence; and
- (f) such other particulars of the conviction as may be prescribed.

(6) A person may inspect and, upon payment of such fee as may be prescribed, take an extract from the register established under subsection (3).

(7) An extract taken under subsection (6), if certified by the Authority to be a true copy, shall be admissible as evidence in any legal proceedings.

126. Where a person is convicted under provisions specified in Column 1 of the Second Schedule of an offence described in Column 2 of that schedule, the person shall be liable to the penalty set out in Column 3 of that schedule.

Penalties.
Second
Schedule.

127. If any person commits an offence against this Act or the regulations (other than an offence in respect of which some other penalty is specifically provided by this Act or the regulations) he shall be liable on summary conviction in a Parish Court to a fine not exceeding one million dollars and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Breach of
offence for
which no
penalty is
provided.

128. The Minister may by order, subject to affirmative resolution, amend or vary any—

Minister may
amend fines
and penalties
by order.

(a) monetary penalty under this Act; or

(b) Schedule to this Act (except the custodial penalties).

129. Anything that the Authority or the Minister is required or authorized to do or provide under this Act may be done or be provided by electronic means or in an electronic format.

Power to do
things elec-
tronically.

130. This Act binds the Crown.

Act binds
Crown.

Amendments, Repeal, Savings and Transitional Provisions

131. Section 2(2) of the *Justices of the Peace Jurisdiction Act* is amended by deleting the numerals “116” and substituting therefor the numerals “105”.

Amendment
of the *Justice
of the Peace
Jurisdiction
Act*.

132. Section 4(2) of the *Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act* is amended by deleting the word “two” and substituting therefor the word “forty five”.

Amendment
of the *Motor
Vehicles
Insurance
(Third Party
Risks) Act*.

Repeal of
*Road Traffic
Act.*

133. Subject to section 134, the *Road Traffic Act* (hereinafter called the “repealed Act”) is repealed.

Savings.

134.—(1) Any proclamation, regulation, by-law, notice, order, prohibition, authorization, appointment, permission, information or other document made, issued, imposed, granted, furnished or given, and any other action taken in terms of any provision of the repealed Act shall be deemed to have been made, issued, imposed, granted, furnished, given or taken in terms of the corresponding provision of this Act (if any).

(2) Any register or other document made or kept under the repealed Act shall continue and have effect as if it had been made or kept under the corresponding provision of this Act and as if that provision had been in force when it was made or kept.

(3) Any suspension, revocation or disqualification of a permit or driver’s licence ordered or made by or under the repealed Act shall continue and have effect as if it had been ordered or made by or under this Act and as if this Act had been in force when it was ordered or made.

Transitional.

135. Any provision of the repealed Act, shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 134, be treated as remaining in force until such time as the corresponding provision of this Act (if any), or any other enactment into which new provisions concerning matters, that were prior to the commencement of this Act, regulated by the repealed Act, has been brought into operation.

Validation and Indemnity

Validation and
indemnity.

136.—(1) Notwithstanding sections 3 and 4(2) of the *Provisional Collection of Tax Act* and anything to the contrary in any other enactment, the collection of licence duties by the Government and persons purporting to act on behalf of the Government, in good faith and inadvertent as to the collection being invalid, improper or unlawful, during the period commencing on the 9th day of March, 2017, and

ending on the day of coming into operation of this Act, is declared to have been validly, properly and lawfully done to all intents and purposes and with effect as if duly authorized by law.

(2) Every person liable to be legally proceeded against on the ground that any of the acts referred to in subsection (1), though done in good faith was unauthorized, unlawfully done, or otherwise illegal or improper, for any such reason, is freed, acquitted, discharged and indemnified as well against The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors as well as against all persons, whatever, from the liability.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Sections 15, 30 and 105)

*Offences in respect of which a fixed penalty
may be paid to a Collector of Taxes*

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without there being in force in respect of the motor vehicle a valid certificate of fitness in respect of the motor vehicle	\$15,000.00
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without the motor vehicle being registered in the prescribed manner	\$10,000.00
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without the motor vehicle being licensed in the prescribed manner	\$10,000.00
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without insurance coverage in accordance with the <i>Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Act</i> in place in respect of the motor vehicle	\$20,000.00
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that there is in place a valid certificate of fitness in respect of the motor vehicle	\$5,000.00

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that the motor vehicle is registered in the prescribed manner	\$5,000.00
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that the motor vehicle is licensed in accordance with this Act	\$5,000.00
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that a motor vehicle is insured in accordance with the <i>Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act</i>	\$5,000.00
13(3)	Using registration plates or licence decal issued in respect of a motor vehicle for any other motor vehicle	\$10,000.00
13(4)	Failure to operate motor vehicle in compliance with the prescribed requirements and the conditions under which a licence is granted in respect of a motor vehicle, where the motor vehicle is brought into Jamaica by a person intending to stay in Jamaica temporarily or forms part of the inventory of a motor vehicle dealer	\$10,000.00

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
<u>Section</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
13(5)	Using a motor vehicle on a road in contravention of the terms of the motor vehicle licence	\$10,000.00
13(5)	Using a motor vehicle on a road with the registration plates or licence decal not affixed or not kept affixed to the motor vehicle as required by this Act or the regulations	\$5,000.00
13(5)	Using motor vehicle on a road with the registration plates or licence decal affixed in such a manner so as to render them obscured or not easily distinguishable	\$5,000.00
13(5)	Using motor vehicle on a road with the registration plates or licence decal obscured in such a manner that the characters of the registration plates or licence decal cannot be read.	\$5,000.00
13(5)	Using motor vehicle on a road which is not licensed in accordance with this Act	\$5,000.00
20(1)	Driving a motor vehicle on a road without being the holder of a permit or driver's licence	\$40,000.00
20(4)	Employing or permitting another person to drive a motor vehicle on a road, without the person being the holder of a driver's licence entitling the person to drive that motor vehicle	\$15,000.00

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty
20(4)	Being the holder of a permit or driver's licence, while— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) driving a motor vehicle on a road; (b) accompanying another person who is learning to drive a motor vehicle on a road; or (c) learning to drive a motor vehicle on a road, failing, on being so required by a constable in uniform or who shows his identifying documents as a constable, to produce the permit or driver's licence for examination by the constable 	\$2,000.00
24(4)	Being the holder of a learner's permit, failing to comply with terms or conditions subject to which the permit is granted and such terms and conditions as may be prescribed	\$6,000.00
24(4)	Being the holder of a driver's licence, who is accompanying the holder of a learner's permit while driving, having a breath alcohol concentration that exceeds 0.02 per cent	\$12,000.00

The Road Traffic Act, 2018

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty
27(3)	Failure to comply with terms and conditions of driver's licence as may be prescribed	\$6,000.00
27(3)	Failure to comply with terms and conditions of driver's licence during the first twelve months of the grant of the licence	\$6,000.00
52(2)	Driver of motor vehicle failing to obey— (a) traffic light or stop sign; (b) other traffic sign	\$10,000.00 \$ 6,000.00
52(7)	Causing or permitting emission of audible siren sound, or flashing light of prescribed kind, from vehicle other than emergency vehicle or other than in prescribed circumstances	\$ 10,000.00
54(4)	Where a roadway is not controlled by traffic lights, failure— (a) before turning into or crossing a major road— (i) to comply with any traffic signs posted or any directions of a constable; or (ii) where no traffic signs are posted or constable assigned, to bring vehicle to a full stop; or	\$10,000.00

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty
	(b) on turning into or crossing the major road to drive or operate vehicle so as not to obstruct any traffic on the major road	\$8,000.00
55(3)	Driving a vehicle on a road at a speed in excess of the maximum speed limit prescribed—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	\$6,000.00
	(b) by 33km/h to 49km/h	\$10,000.00
	(c) by 50km/h or more	\$15,000.00
57(5)	Being the driver or operator of a vehicle, failing to observe the following rules in respect of the vehicle—	
	(a) when being approached or being overtaken by another vehicle, failing to keep the vehicle to the left or near side of the road	\$5,000.00
	(b) when overtaking other traffic, failing to keep the vehicle to the right or off-side of the other traffic	\$5,000.00
	(c) when the vehicle is being overtaken by other traffic, failing to drive so as to allow the other traffic to pass	\$5,000.00

Column 1 Section	Column 2 Offence	Column 3 Penalty
	(d) while driving or operating the vehicle—	
	(i) overtaking other traffic without a clear and unobstructed view of the road ahead	\$10,000.00
	(ii) alongside of, or overlapping or overtaking other traffic proceeding in the same direction, if by so doing the vehicle obstructs any traffic proceeding in the opposite direction	\$10,000.00
	(iii) so as to cross, commence to cross or turn in a road, if by so doing, the vehicle will obstruct any traffic	\$9,000.00
	(e) while proceeding from a place which is not a road onto a road, or from a road onto a place which is not a road, driving so as to obstruct any traffic on the road	\$9,000.00

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty
	(f) while on a main road, travelling backwards further than two vehicle lengths for turning or other reasonable purpose	\$3,000.00
59(1)	Driving motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, where no collision occurs	\$11,000.00
59(1)	Driving motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, where collision occurs	\$25,000.00
67(2)	Carrying more than one person (in addition to the driver) on a two-wheeled motor cycle	\$5,000.00
67(2)	Carrying person otherwise than by sitting astride motor cycle and on proper seat securely fixed to the motor cycle behind driver's seat	\$5,000.00
67(2)	Causing two-wheeled motor cycle to be driven on one wheel only	\$5,000.00
68(3)	Drawing more than the prescribed number of trailers	\$12,000.00

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71(2)	Driving or operating motor vehicle without there being attached on the motor vehicle and in correct working order the prescribed—	
	(a) headlamps	\$5,000.00
	(b) parking lamps	\$5,000.00
	(c) reflectors	\$5,000.00
	(d) rear registration plate lights	\$5,000.00
	(e) brake lights	\$5,000.00
	(f) warning devices	\$5,000.00
	(g) seat belts	\$5,000.00
72(4)	Driving specified motor vehicle, riding in specified motor vehicle or riding in the front seat of a motor truck as specified, without wearing seat belts	\$2,000.00
72(4)	Driving motor vehicle and not causing passenger being conveyed in the motor vehicle to wear seat belt	\$2,000.00
73(2)	Driver of motor vehicle not causing child to wear or be conveyed in prescribed child restraint system	\$5,000.00
74(3)	Failure, while driving or riding on a motorcycle, to wear protective helmet in the prescribed manner of the prescribed shape, quality, construction or standard	\$8,000.00

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Section	Offence	Penalty
74(3)	Failure to cause every person who is riding as a pillion to wear a protective helmet in the prescribed manner at all times while riding on the motor cycle	\$8,000.00
75(1)	Contravening notice declaring that no loud noise that is reasonably capable of causing annoyance to persons shall emanate from a motor vehicle and no horn or warning device shall be sounded during specified hours or at or within a place or area specified in the notice	\$5,000.00
76(4)	Failure to comply with traffic signs in school safety zones	\$10,000.00
76(4)	Exceeding speed limit in effect in a school safety zone—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	\$ 12,000.00
	(b) by 33km/h to 49km/h	\$20,000.00
	(c) by 50km/h or more	\$30,000.00
77(3)	Failure to comply with traffic sign in construction zone	\$10,000.00
77(3)	Exceeding speed limit in construction zone by—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	\$ 12,000.00
	(b) by 33km/h to 49km/h	\$20,000.00
	(c) by 50km/h or more	\$30,000.00

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
81(3)	Where required to stop a vehicle by a school crossing warden,—	
	(a) failing to cause the vehicle to stop before reaching the place where children are crossing or seeking to cross so as not to prevent or impede their crossing	\$12,000.00
	(b) putting vehicle in motion again so as to reach the place where the children are crossing or seeking to cross so long as the sign continues to be exhibited	\$12,000.00
83(3)	Failure to yield the right of way when pedestrian is at or in pedestrian crossing	\$10,000.00
83(3)	Passing or overtaking vehicle stopped at pedestrian crossing	\$10,000.00
88(2)	Riding on the running board, wings, fenders of a motor vehicle or on the outside of the vehicle	\$5,000.00
89(4)	Failure to place motor vehicle when not in motion with its near side as close to the left of the road as possible	\$5,000.00
89(4)	Failure to place motor vehicle when not in motion in a safe position	\$5,000.00

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
89(4)	Failure to place motor vehicle when not in motion as may be indicated by a constable or by notice exhibited by the Authority	\$5,000.00
89(4)	Placing, parking or allowing motor vehicle to remain in such a position as to obstruct or be likely to obstruct, traffic on road	\$5,000.00
89(4)	Leaving vehicle unattended without stopping the engine and taking due precautions against it being moved or moving in absence	\$3,000.00
89(4)	Pouring petrol or other fuel into tank of motor vehicle or into any receptacle in or on a motor vehicle while its engine is running, or when any naked light, other than an electric light, is alight in or on the motor vehicle	\$4,000.00
90(6)	Failure to give the prescribed signal before turning to, or changing direction towards, the left or right	\$2,500.00
90(6)	Failure to give the prescribed signal before bringing the motor vehicle to a stop and keeping it stationary	\$2,500.00

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
90(6)	Failure, when approaching a constable on duty at a road junction, to give the appropriate signal so as to indicate the direction in which the person wishes to proceed and so as to be visible to the constable	\$2,500.00
90(6)	Failure to ensure that motor vehicle is fitted with mechanical or illuminated device prescribed by the Authority	\$2,500.00
91(2)	Disobeying specified directions given by constable in execution of his duty	\$5,000.00
93(3)	Wilfully or unnecessarily hindering, interrupting or otherwise obstructing the free and proper passage of traffic on a road	\$5,000.00
94(1)	Leaving or abandoning vehicle on road in a position or in circumstances which in the opinion of a constable, are likely to cause danger or obstruction to other traffic on road	\$5,000.00
102(1)	Owning or operating vehicle, or any part of a vehicle, which is transmitting the road weight in	

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
	excess of the maximum laden weight for vehicles by— (a) 500–1,000kg (b) 1,001kg–5,000kg	\$25,000.00 \$100,000.00
103(2)	Refusal to allow vehicle to be weighed or tested	\$20,000.00
104(3)	Where the weight of a vehicle, or any part of the vehicle, is found to be above the prescribed maximum laden weight or maximum axle load, and goods are accordingly required to be removed from the vehicle, failure to ensure that another vehicle is dispatched and the excess goods be off-loaded, at the owner's expense, onto the dispatched vehicle in a manner not likely to cause obstruction to traffic	\$7,000.00
108(2)	Wilfully defacing or destroying any document, or part of a document, kept by the Authority	\$10,000.00
121(4)	Using electronic communication device while driving or operating a vehicle contrary to this Act	\$10,000.00

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
121(4)	Being in or on a vehicle and holding or using electronic communication device while instructing or accompanying the holder of a learner's permit	\$10,000.00
121(4)	Using a wireless communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message while driving a motor vehicle on a road	\$10,000.00
122(3)	Driving or operating motor vehicle on a road while using specified electronic visual device within driver's line of sight while driving	\$10,000.00
123	Using or driving or permitting to be used or driven any vehicle on a road in a defective condition as regards its mechanical fittings or otherwise, so as to be a source of danger to its occupants or the public	\$10,000.00
123	Driving or attempting to drive motor vehicle across a funeral procession	\$5,000.00
123	Smoking ganja, as defined by the <i>Dangerous Drug Act</i> , while driving or attempting to drive, or while being in charge of a vehicle on a road	\$10,000.00

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without there being in force in respect of the motor vehicle a valid certificate of fitness in respect of the motor vehicle	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing motor vehicle to be driven on a road without the motor vehicle being registered in the prescribed manner	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 6 days imprisonment
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without the motor vehicle being licensed in the prescribed manner	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
7(3)	Driving a motor vehicle or causing a motor vehicle to be driven on a road without insurance coverage in accordance with the <i>Motor Vehicles Insurance(Third-Party Risks) Act</i> in place in respect of the motor vehicle	\$45,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that a motor	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
	vehicle is insured in accordance with the <i>Motor Vehicles Insurance(Third-Party Risks) Act</i>	
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that there is in place a valid certificate of fitness in respect of the motor vehicle	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that the motor vehicle is registered in the prescribed manner	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
7(3)	Failure to provide evidence of a type prescribed for inspection upon demand by a constable that the motor vehicle is licensed in accordance with this Act	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
13(3)	Using registration plates or licence decal issued in respect of a motor vehicle for any other motor vehicle	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 15 days imprisonment
13(4)	Failure to operate motor vehicle in compliance with the prescribed requirements and the conditions under which a licence is granted in respect of a motor vehicle,	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment

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	where the motor vehicle is brought into Jamaica by a person intending to stay in Jamaica temporarily or forms part of the inventory of a motor vehicle dealer	
13(5)	Using a motor vehicle on a road in contravention of the terms of the motor vehicle licence	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
13(5)	Using a motor vehicle on a road with the registration plates or licence decal not affixed or not kept affixed to the motor vehicle as required by this Act or the regulations	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
13(5)	Using motor vehicle on a road with the registration plates or licence decal affixed in such a manner so as to render them obscured or not easily distinguishable	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
13(5)	Using motor vehicle on a road with the registration plates or licence decal obscured in such a manner that the characters of the registration plates or licence decal cannot be read	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
13(5)	Using motor vehicle on a road which is not licensed in accordance with this Act	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment

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Column 1 —	Column 2 —	Column 3 —
Section —	Offence —	Penalty (Maximum) —
13(5)	Forging or, with fraudulent intent, altering, using or allowing to be used by any other person, any licence or any licensing or registration marks or plates issued under this Act	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 15 days imprisonment
13(5)	With intent to enable another person to use a motor vehicle licence or registration plates not issued in respect of that vehicle under this Act, giving, lending or otherwise making available the motor vehicle licence or registration plates to that other person	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 15 days imprisonment
20(4)	Driving a motor vehicle on a road without being the holder of a permit or driver's licence entitling the person to drive that motor vehicle	\$80,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
20(4)	Employing or permitting another person to drive a motor vehicle on a road, without the person being the holder of a driver's licence entitling the person to drive that motor vehicle, or as the case may be, a motor vehicle of that category	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment

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Column 1 —	Column 2 —	Column 3 —
Section —	Offence —	Penalty (Maximum) —
20(4)	Being the holder of a permit or driver's licence, while— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) driving a motor vehicle on the road; (b) accompanying another person who is learning to drive a motor vehicle on a road; or (c) learning to drive a motor vehicle on a road, failing, on being so required by a constable in uniform or who shows his identifying documents as a constable, to produce the permit or driver's licence for examination by the constable	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
21(2)	Applying for or holding permit or driver's licence where applicant holds another permit or driver's licence of the same class	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
21(2)	Providing false or misleading information to Authority on an application for a learner's permit or driver's licence	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
24(4)	Being the holder of a learner's permit, failing to comply with terms or conditions subject to which the permit is granted and such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed	\$15,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
24(4)	Being the holder of a driver's licence, who is accompanying the holder of a learner's permit while driving, having a breath alcohol concentration that exceeds 0.02 per cent	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
27(3)	Failure to comply with terms and conditions of driver's licence	\$15,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
27(3)	Failure to comply with terms and conditions of driver's licence during the first twelve months of the grant of the licence	\$15,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
30(5)	Refusal to surrender permit or driver's licence when Authority declines to renew the permit or driver's licence	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 30 days imprisonment
32(4)	Failure, upon receiving notice of suspension, to submit driver's licence	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment

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Section —	Offence —	Penalty (Maximum) —
34(9)	Failure to return a permit or driver’s licence that has been revoked to the Authority	\$500,000, and, in default of payment, to 6 months imprisonment
35(5)	Being disqualified from holding or obtaining a permit or driver’s licence— (a) wilfully applying for or obtaining a permit or driver’s licence (b) wilfully driving a motor vehicle in breach of the order for disqualification	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment \$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
37(5)	Being a person whose permit or driver’s licence has been ordered to be endorsed and who has not previously become entitled to have a permit or driver’s licence granted to him free from endorsement, applying for or obtaining a permit or driver’s licence without giving particulars of the order	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
42(2)	Failure to surrender document issued contrary to the Act to the Authority	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
43(2)	Allowing or causing permit or driver's licence to be used by another person	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
48(2)	Erecting or displaying advertising sign at place alongside road where erection or display of the advertising sign is prohibited by this Act or the regulations	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 30 days imprisonment
49(2)	Damaging traffic sign, or without proper authority to do so, removing traffic sign or altering inscription, lettering, colour or marking on the traffic sign	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
52(2)	Driver of motor vehicle or rider of bicycle failing to obey—	
	(a) traffic light or stop sign;	\$24,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
	(b) other traffic sign	\$16,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
52(7)	Causing or permitting emission of audible siren sound, or flashing light of prescribed kind, from vehicle other than emergency vehicle or other than in prescribed circumstances	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment

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54(4)	Where a roadway is not controlled by traffic lights, failure—	
	(a) before turning into or crossing a major road—	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
	(i) to comply with any traffic signs posted or any directions of a constable; or	
	(ii) where no traffic signs are posted or constable assigned, to bring vehicle to a full stop; or	
	(b) on turning into or crossing the major road to drive or operate vehicle so as not to obstruct any traffic on the major road	\$8,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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55(3)	Driving a vehicle on a road at a speed in excess of the maximum speed limit prescribed—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	\$15,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(b) by 33km/h to 49km/h	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
	(c) by 50km/h or more	\$45,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 30 days imprisonment
57(5)	Driving vehicle in violation of the rules of the road by—	
	(a) failing to keep to the left or near side of the road when being approached or being overtaken by another vehicle	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
	(b) failing to keep to the right or off-side of other traffic when overtaking the other traffic	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment

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	(c) failing to drive so as to allow other traffic to pass while the vehicle is being overtaken by the other traffic	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(d) driving or operating vehicle—	
	(i) overtaking other traffic without a clear and unobstructed view of the road ahead	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
	(ii) alongside of, overlapping or overtaking other traffic proceeding in the same direction and by so doing the vehicle obstructs traffic proceeding in the opposite direction	\$8,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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	(iii) so as to cross, commence to cross or turn in a road and by so doing the vehicle will obstruct traffic	\$8,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(e) driving so as to obstruct traffic on the road while proceeding from a place which is not a road onto a road, or from a place which is not a road	\$18,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 5 days imprisonment
	(f) while on a main road, travelling backwards further than two vehicle lengths for turning or for other reasonable purpose	\$18,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 5 days imprisonment
58(3)	Reckless or dangerous driving or without due regard for the safety of other persons or property	\$250,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 months imprisonment
59(1)	Driving motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, where no collision occurs	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment

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Section —	Offence —	Penalty (Maximum) —
59(1)	Driving motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, where collision occurs	\$500,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 6 months imprisonment
60	Causing death by reckless or dangerous driving	Imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years and disqualification from holding or obtaining a driver's licence for 6 months from date of conviction
64(1)	Failure to give specified particulars or giving false particulars when required to produce driver's licence	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment to 14 days imprisonment
67(2)	Carrying more than one person (in addition to the driver) on a two-wheeled motor cycle	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
67(2)	Carrying person otherwise than by sitting astride motor cycle and on proper seat securely fixed to the motor cycle behind driver's seat	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
67(2)	Causing two-wheeled motor cycle to be driven on one wheel only	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
68(3)	Drawing more than the prescribed number of trailers	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
69(3)	Failure of owner of motor vehicle to— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) satisfy himself as to the identity of every person who the owner authorizes to drive the motor vehicle (b) satisfy himself that the person authorized to drive the motor vehicle— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) is licenced to drive a motor vehicle of the category in which the motor vehicle is registered; and (ii) resides at the address specified on his licence or, if the person no longer resides at that address, his current address 	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, 7 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
69(3)	Failure to give information as to the identity of the driver or operator of a vehicle— (a) as is requested by any member of the Constabulary Force; or (b) in the case of an offence under section 86, as the Local Authority having power to institute proceedings for the offence, or any person acting on behalf of the Local Authority, may require	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
70(3)	Failure to stop in the case of collision to give specified particulars of driver and owner of motor vehicle, if required to do so, by person having reasonable grounds for so requiring	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
70(3)	Failure to report collision of motor vehicle	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
71(2)	Driving or operating motor vehicle without there being attached on the motor vehicle and in correct working order the prescribed— (a) headlamps	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
	(b) parking lamps	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(c) reflectors	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(d) rear registration plate lights	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(e) brake lights	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(f) warning devices	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(g) seat belts	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
72(4)	Driving specified motor vehicle, riding in specified motor vehicle or riding in the front seat of a motor truck as specified, without wearing seat belts	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
72(4)	Driving motor vehicle and not causing passenger being conveyed in the motor vehicle to wear seat belt	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 15 days imprisonment

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
73(2)	Driver of motor vehicle not causing child to wear or be conveyed in prescribed child restraint system	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
74(3)	Failure, while driving or riding on a motorcycle or bicycle, to wear protective helmet in the prescribed manner of the prescribed shape, quality, construction or standard	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
74(3)	Failure to cause every person who is riding as a pillion to wear a protective helmet in the prescribed manner at all times while riding on the motor cycle	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
75(1)	Contravening notice declaring that no loud noise that is reasonably capable of causing annoyance to persons shall emanate from a motor vehicle and no horn or warning device shall be sounded during specified hours or at or within a place or area specified in the notice	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
76(4)	Failure to comply with traffic signs in school safety zone	\$60,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
76(4)	Exceeding speed limit in effect in a school safety zone— (a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
	(b) by 33km/h to 49km/h	\$40,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
	(c) by 50km/h or more	\$60,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 30 days imprisonment
77(3)	Failure to comply with traffic sign in construction zone	\$60,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
77(3)	Exceeding speed limit in effect in a construction zone—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	(b) by 33km/h to 49km/h	\$40,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
	(c) by 50km/h or more	\$60,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 30 days imprisonment
78(1)	Taking and driving away motor vehicle without consent of owner or other lawful authority	1. Summarily or on indictment in a Parish Court, \$100,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 2 months imprisonment

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Column 1 —	Column 2 —	Column 3 —
Section —	Offence —	Penalty (Maximum) —
		2. On indictment in the Supreme Court, to a fine or imprisonment
81(3)	Where required to stop a vehicle by a school crossing warden,— (a) failing to cause the vehicle to stop before reaching the place where children are crossing or seeking to cross so as not to prevent or impede their crossing (b) putting vehicle in motion again so as to reach the place where the children are crossing or seeking to cross so long as the sign continues to be exhibited	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment \$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 15 days imprisonment
83(3)	Failure to yield the right of way when pedestrian is at or in pedestrian crossing	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
83(3)	Passing or overtaking vehicle stopped at pedestrian crossing	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
86(1)	Leaving vehicle in a parking place designated by the rules under section 85(1), otherwise than as prescribed under the rules	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
86(1)	Failure to pay any charge payable pursuant to the rules or contravening or failing to comply with any provision of the rules relating to the parking place as to the manner in which vehicles shall stand or be driven into or out of, the parking place	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
86(1)	Otherwise contravening or failing to comply with the provisions of rules under section 85(1)	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
86(3)	With intent to defraud, interfering with parking meter or operating or attempting to operate parking meter	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
88(2)	Riding on the running board, wings, fenders of a motor vehicle or on the outside of the vehicle	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
89(4)	Failure to place motor vehicle when not in motion with its near side as close to the left of the road as possible	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 4 days imprisonment
	Failure to place motor vehicle when not in motion in a safe position	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
	Failure to place motor vehicle when not in motion as may be indicated by a constable or by notice exhibited	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
	by the Authority	imprisonment
89(4)	Placing, parking or allowing motor vehicle to remain in such a position as to obstruct or be likely to obstruct, traffic on road	\$14,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
89(4)	Leaving vehicle unattended without stopping the engine and taking due precautions against it being moved or moving in absence	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
89(4)	Pouring petrol or other fuel into tank of motor vehicle or into any receptacle in or on a motor vehicle while its engine is running, or when any naked light, other than an electric light, is alight in or on the motor vehicle	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
90(6)	Failure to give the prescribed signal before turning to, or changing direction towards, the left or right	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
90(6)	Failure to give the prescribed signal before bringing the motor vehicle to a stop and keeping it stationary	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
90(6)	Failure, when approaching a constable on duty at a road junction, to give the appropriate signal so as to indicate the direction in which the person wishes to proceed and so as to be visible to the constable	\$5,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
90(6)	Failure to ensure that motor vehicle is fitted with mechanical or	\$5,000.00 and, in default of pay-

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	illuminated device prescribed by the Authority	ment, to 3 days imprisonment
91(2)	Disobeying specified directions given by constable in execution of his duty	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 days imprisonment
92(1)	Promoting, organizing or taking part in any race, sporting event or trial of speed on a road, without prior written consent of the Road Authority or Local Authority, as the case may be	\$100,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment and disqualification from holding or obtaining a driver's licence for 12 months or such longer period
93(3)	Wilfully or unnecessarily hindering, interrupting or otherwise obstructing the free and proper passage of traffic on a road	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
93(3)	Placing or abandoning, or causing to be placed or abandoned, on a road, any object that may endanger pedestrians or cause damage to vehicles or injure pedestrians or occupants of vehicles on road	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
94(1)	Leaving or abandoning vehicle on road in a position or in circumstances which in the opinion	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days

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	of a constable, are likely to cause danger or obstruction to other traffic on road	imprisonment
97(1)	Using any vehicle or object or move any vehicle or object on the road, in a manner causing or likely to cause damage to the road or road infrastructure	\$300,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 months imprisonment
97(1)	Causing any debris, concrete mix, garbage, oil or similar material to be spilled on the road surface	\$300,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 months imprisonment
97(1)	Causing debris or any matter to be burnt or used in such a manner as to cause damage to the road	\$300,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 months imprisonment
102(1)	Owning or operating vehicle, or any part of a vehicle, which is transmitting the road weight in excess of the maximum laden weight for vehicles by—	
	(a) 500–1,000kg	\$75,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment
	(b) 1,001kg–5,000kg	\$375,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 months imprisonment

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	(c) 5,001kg–10,000kg	\$1,000,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 12 months imprisonment
	(d) 10,001kg–15,000kg	\$1,875,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 18 months imprisonment
	(e) 15,001kg–20,000kg	\$2,800,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 2 years imprisonment
	(f) over 20,000kg	\$3,000,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 3 years imprisonment
103(2)	Refusal to allow vehicle to be weighed or tested	\$50,000.00 and, in default of pay- ment, to 14 days imprisonment
104(3)	Where the weight of a vehicle, or any part of the vehicle, is found to be above the prescribed maximum laden weight or maximum axle load, and goods are accordingly required to be removed from the	\$50,000.00 and, in default of pay- ment, to 14 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
	vehicle, failure to ensure that another vehicle is dispatched and the excess goods be off-loaded, at the owner's expense, onto the dispatched vehicle in a manner not likely to cause obstruction to traffic	
105(11)	Removing or interfering with notice affixed to motor vehicle without authority	\$100,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment
106(4)	Having possession of, or control over a document and communicating or attempting to communicate information or anything contained in the document to persons not authorized	\$100,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment
108(2)	Wilfully defacing or destroying any document, or part of a document, kept by the Authority	\$100,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment
121(4)	Using electronic communication device while driving or operating a vehicle contrary to this Act	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
121(4)	Being in or on a vehicle and holding or using electronic communication device while instructing or accompanying the holder of a learner's permit	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
121(4)	Using a wireless communication device to view, send or compose an electronic message while driving a motor vehicle on a road	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
122(3)	Driving or operating motor vehicle on a road while using specified electronic visual device within driver's line of sight while driving	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
123	Without the permission of the owner or person in charge of a vehicle— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) climbing upon or into or swinging upon the vehicle, whether the vehicle is in motion or stationary; (b) sounding any horn or other signalling device of a vehicle; (c) attempting to manipulate any of the levers, the starter, the brakes or the machinery of the vehicle; (d) in any manner damages, interfering or tampering with the vehicle; or (e) putting in motion the engine of the vehicle, while the vehicle is left parked 	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
123	Throwing any object at or from a vehicle, whether or not any damage or injury is caused or placing any object in or on any road whereby damage to any vehicle or injury to any person is caused	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
123	Using spotlight on a vehicle on a road or public place or when another approaching vehicle is in sight, except for providing light for effecting repairs	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
123	Using or driving or permitting to be used or driven any vehicle on a road in a defective condition as regards its mechanical fittings or otherwise, so as to be a source of danger to its occupants or the public	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
123	Neglecting, when employing or permitting any person to drive a vehicle, to ascertain the correct name and place of residence of such person, at the time of such employment or the granting of such permission and in the case of any such employment to keep a record thereof	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
123	Holding on to the exterior of vehicle when the vehicle is being driven	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
123	Making or submitting false or inaccurate statements or documents in any declaration required to be made under this Act	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
123	Driving or attempting to drive motor vehicle across a funeral procession	\$30,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 10 days imprisonment
123	Deliberately obstructing or hindering constable or an officer, employee or agent authorized by the Authority during the course of duties	\$10,000.00 and, in default of payment, to community service
123	Smoking ganja, as defined by the <i>Dangerous Drug Act</i> , while driving or attempting to drive, or while being in charge of a vehicle on a road	\$20,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 7 days imprisonment
FIFTH SCHEDULE		
Paragraph 1	Driving or attempting to drive motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs to such extent as to be incapable of having proper control of vehicle	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
Paragraph 2	Driving or having charge or control of a vehicle while concentration of alcohol or other drugs in breath or blood is greater than prescribed limit	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment
Paragraph 3	Failure to provide specimen of breath for breath test, first conviction	\$50,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment

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Section	Offence	Penalty (Maximum)
Paragraph 3	Failure to provide specimen of breath for breath test, second conviction or more	\$100,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment
Paragraph 4	Failure to provide specimen of breath for breath analysis	\$70,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 1 month imprisonment
Paragraph 4	Wilfully does anything to alter the concentration of alcohol in his breath or blood	\$40,000.00 and, in default of payment, to 14 days imprisonment

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Sections 17(1),
18(1) and 110(1))*Licence Duties on Vehicles*

Type of Vehicle	Licence Duty Payable
1. Motor car not deriving motive power from an internal combustion engine worked by cylinder or cylinders each	\$9,240.00
2. Motor cars, where the cylinder capacity of the engine	
(a) does not exceed 1,199 cubic centimetres each	\$9,240.00
(b) exceeds 1,199 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 2,999 cubic centimetres each	\$12,600.00
(c) exceeds 2,999 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 3,999 cubic centimetres each	\$28,800.00
(d) exceeds 3,999 cubic centimetres each	\$43,650.00
3. Hackney carriages and contract carriages which are motorcars each	\$9,240.00
4. Motor cycle where the cylinder capacity of the engine --	
(a) does not exceed 125 cubic centimetres each	\$3,690.00
(b) exceeds 125 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 500 cubic centimetres ... each	\$5,580.00
(c) exceeds 500 cubic centimetres ... each	\$8,550.00
5. Motor truck or motor tractor of unladen weight—	
(a) not exceeding 3,048.138 kgs each	\$12,600.00
(b) exceeding 3,048.138 kgs but not exceeding 6,109.09 kgs each	\$21,600.00

Type of Vehicle	Licence Duty Payable
(c) exceeding 6,109.09 kgs	\$21,600.00 plus \$120.00 for each 50.91 kgs over 6,109.09kg
6. Motor truck or motor tractor that does not use gasoline as fuel, of unladen weight---	
(a) not exceeding 3,048.138 kgs	\$12,600.00
(b) exceeding 3,048.138 kgs but not exceeding 6,109.09 kgs	\$21,600.00
(c) exceeding 6,109.09 kgs	\$21,600 plus \$120.00 for each 50.91 kg over 6,109.09 kg
7. Trailers, for each hundred weight of gross weight	
	\$202.50 per kg.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Section 44(2))

*Constitution and Procedure of Road
Traffic Appeal Tribunal*Appointment
of members.

1.—(1) The Road Traffic Appeal Tribunal shall consist of a chairman and two deputy chairmen and not less than three nor more than four other members appointed by the Minister by instrument in writing from among persons appearing to the Minister to be knowledgeable and experienced in matters relating to road safety or traffic management (hereinafter referred to as “the appointed members”).

(2) A person shall be eligible for appointment as the chairman or a deputy chairman only if the person is an attorney-at-law of not less than five years standing or a person who has held judicial office.

(3) Every member of the Tribunal shall, before entering on the duties of his office, take an oath that he will duly and faithfully, and to the best of his skill and knowledge, execute the powers and trusts reposed in him as a member of the Tribunal.

(4) The oath referred to in sub-paragraph (3) shall be administered to the chairman of the Tribunal before the Chief Justice, and to the other members by the chairman, or in his absence or incapacity, by any other member.

(5) The chairman has supervision over and direction of the work of the Tribunal including, the allocation of the work of the members of the Tribunal.

Temporary
appointment.

2. If the chairman or other members of the Tribunal is absent or unable to act, the Minister may appoint another person to act temporarily as chairman or such other member.

Tenure of
Office.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, an appointed member shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be specified in the instrument of appointment.

(2) Every appointed member of the Tribunal shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) If any vacancy occurs in the appointed membership of the Tribunal, the vacancy shall be filled by the making of another such appointment, however, the member so appointed shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, hold office for the remainder of the period for which the previous appointed member was appointed.

(4) The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of any appointed member.

4.—(1) Any member of the Tribunal other than the chairman may, at any time, resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and transmitted through the chairman and from the date of the receipt by the Minister of the instrument the member shall cease to be a member of the Tribunal. Resignation.

(2) The chairman may, at any time, resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and the resignation shall take effect as from the date or the receipt of the instrument by the Minister.

5. The names of the members of the Tribunal as first constituted and every change in the membership of the Tribunal shall be published in the *Gazette*. Publication of membership.

6. All documents made by, and all decisions of the Tribunal shall be signed under the hand of the chairman or any member of the Tribunal authorized to act in that behalf. Authentication of documents.

7.—(1) The Tribunal shall sit in such number of divisions as may, from time to time, be necessary. Procedure.

(2) A division of the Tribunal shall consist of—

- (a) a presiding chairman, who shall be either the chairman or a deputy chairman of the Tribunal; and
- (b) two or more ordinary members.

(3) Where part of any proceedings before the Tribunal has been heard and one or more members of the Tribunal are unable to continue, the Tribunal shall remain duly constituted for the purpose of those proceedings so long as the number of members is not reduced to less than three.

(4) If the chairman of a division of the Tribunal is unable to continue he shall appoint—

- (a) one of the remaining members to act as chairman; and
- (b) a suitably qualified person to attend the proceedings and advise the members of any question arising.

(5) The decision of the Tribunal or a division of the Tribunal may be signified under the hand of the chairman.

(6) The Tribunal shall meet at times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business and the meetings shall be held at places and times and on days as the Tribunal may determine.

(7) The chairman or any other person appointed to act temporarily as chairman shall preside at meetings of the Tribunal.

(8) Subject to sub-paragraph (1), the decisions of the Tribunal shall be by a majority of votes of the members and, in addition to an original vote, the presiding member shall have a casting vote in any case in which the voting is equal.

(9) The Tribunal, with the approval of the Minister, may make rules to regulate its proceedings.

(10) Proper records of all proceedings of the Appeal Tribunal shall be kept.

Remuneration
of members.

8. There shall be paid to the chairman, other members, officers and employees of the Tribunal remuneration, if any, and allowances as the Minister with responsibility for the public service may determine.

Protection of
members.

9. No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted personally against any member of the Appeal Tribunal in respect of an act done *bona fide* in pursuance or execution or intended execution of this Act.

Disclosure of
interest.

10. Any member of the Appeal Tribunal who has any interest, directly or indirectly, in any matter brought before the Appeal Tribunal shall—

- (a) as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Authority; and
- (b) not be present during the deliberations of the Authority on the matter or take part in the decision of the Authority with respect to the matter

Power to
award costs.

11. The Tribunal may order that the costs or expenses of any proceedings before it incurred by any party shall be paid by any other party, and may tax or settle the amount of any costs or expenses to be paid under any such order or direct in what manner they are to be taxed.

Chairman of
member not a
public office.

12. The office of the chairman or member of the Appeal Tribunal shall not be a public office for the purposes of Chapter V of the *Constitution of Jamaica*.

FIFTH SCHEDULE (Section 66)

Driving under the Influence of Alcohol or other Drugs

1.—(1) Every person who, when driving or attempting to drive or when in charge of a vehicle on a road or in a public place is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs to such extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle, commits an offence.

Driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drug.

(2) A person convicted of an offence under sub-paragraph (1) shall be disqualified, for a period of twelve months from the date of the conviction, from holding or obtaining a driver's licence unless the court for special reasons thinks fit to order otherwise and without prejudice to the power of the court to order a longer period of disqualification.

(3) A constable may arrest, without warrant, a person whom he reasonably suspects has committed an offence under this paragraph.

2.—(1) A person shall not drive or have charge or control of a vehicle, whether or not it is in motion, if the concentration of alcohol or other drugs in his breath or blood is greater than the prescribed limit.

Driving or being in charge of vehicle while breath or blood alcohol levels exceed prescribed limit.

(2) Every person who contravenes sub-paragraph (1) commits an offence.

(3) A person shall not be convicted under this paragraph of being in charge of a motor vehicle as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), if he proves that at the material time the circumstances were such that there was no likelihood of his driving the motor vehicle while there was any probability of his having alcohol in his breath or blood in a proportion exceeding the prescribed limit.

3.—(1) A constable in uniform or a constable out of uniform who has shown his authority as a member of the Constabulary Force may subject to sub-paragraph (4), require a person to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test where he has reasonable cause to suspect that the person—

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- (a) while driving or attempting to drive or being in charge of a vehicle on a road or in a public place has an alcohol level in his breath exceeding the prescribed limit or is in breach of paragraph 1;

- (b) has been driving or attempting to drive or been in charge of a vehicle on a road or in a public place with an alcohol level in his breath exceeding the prescribed limit and still has alcohol in his breath; or
- (c) has been driving, attempting to drive or been in charge of a vehicle on a road or in a public place and has committed an offence against this Act.

(2) No requirement to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test may be made by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c), unless it is made as soon as is reasonably practicable after the constable suspects the offence was committed.

(3) If a collision occurs due to the presence of a vehicle on a road, a constable in uniform or a constable out of uniform who has shown his authority as a member of the Constabulary Force may, subject to sub-paragraph (4), require any person whom he has reasonable cause to believe was driving or attempting to drive (hereinafter in this paragraph referred to as "the driver") the vehicle at the time of the collision to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test, either at or near the place where the requirement is made or, if the constable thinks fit, at a police station specified by the constable being a police station in reasonable proximity to that place.

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), a constable may require a driver who is at a hospital as a patient to give a specimen of breath at the hospital.

(5) The request under sub-paragraph (4) may not be imposed unless the medical practitioner in charge of the driver's case—

- (a) is given prior notice of the proposal to make the request; and
- (b) has advised that the provision of a specimen or the request to provide it would not be prejudicial to the proper care, treatment or health of the driver.

(6) Every driver who, without reasonable excuse, fails to provide a specimen of breath under sub-paragraph (1), (3) or (4) commits an offence.

(7) A constable may arrest without warrant any person who, as a consequence of a breath test, is found to have a proportion of alcohol in his breath exceeding the prescribed limit, but no such arrest may be made while the person is in bed at a hospital as a patient.

(8) If a person required by a constable under sub-paragraph (1) or (3) to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test fails to do so and the constable has reasonable cause to suspect that the person has alcohol in his breath or blood above the prescribed limit, the constable may, without prejudice to paragraph 1(3), arrest the person without warrant.

(9) A person arrested under this paragraph or under paragraph 1(3) shall, while at a police station, be given an opportunity to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test.

4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), where—

- (a) any person required by a constable under paragraph 3 to undergo a breath test fails to undergo that test; or
- (b) in consequence of a breath test carried out under paragraph 3 it is indicated that there may be present in that person's breath a concentration of alcohol in excess of the prescribed limit,

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analysis.

the constable may require that person to submit to a breath analysis.

(2) The breath analysis referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be carried out at a police station by a member of the Constabulary Force authorized in that behalf by the Minister.

(3) A member of the Constabulary Force shall not require any person to undergo a breath test or to submit to a breath analysis—

- (a) if that person has been admitted to hospital for medical treatment and the medical practitioner in immediate charge of his treatment, when notified of the intention to make the request, objects on the ground that compliance therewith would be prejudicial to the proper care, treatment, or health of that person;

- (b) if it appears to that member that it would, by reason of the injuries sustained by the person, be dangerous to that person's medical condition to undergo a breath test or to submit to a breath analysis; or
- (c) subject to sub-paragraph (4), at that person's usual place of residence.

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (3)(c), a person may be required to submit to a breath test at that person's usual place of residence—

- (a) if the member of the Constabulary Force has reasonable cause to believe that—
 - (i) within the preceding two hours the person was involved in a collision on a road or other public place resulting in death or serious injury to another person; and
 - (ii) at the time when the collision occurred, the person had an alcohol level in his breath exceeding the prescribed limit; and
- (b) it was not feasible for a constable to require the person to submit to a breath test at the scene of the collision or at the nearest police station.

(5) A person commits an offence who—

- (a) upon being required by a constable in accordance with sub-paragraph (1), to submit to a breath analysis, fails to do so; or
- (b) wilfully does anything to alter the concentration of alcohol in his breath or blood—
 - (i) between the time of the event referred to in paragraph 3 (in respect of which he has been required to undergo a breath test) and the time when he undergoes that test; or
 - (ii) if he is required to submit to a breath analysis, at the time when he submits to that analysis.

(6) It shall be a defence to a prosecution for an offence under sub-paragraph (5)(a) if the accused person satisfies the court that he was unable, on medical grounds, at the time he was required to do so to undergo a breath test or to submit to a breath analysis, as the case may be.

(7) As soon as practicable after a person has submitted to a breath analysis, the member of the Constabulary Force operating the breath analyzing instrument shall deliver to that person a statement in writing signed by that member specifying the—

- (a) concentration of alcohol determined by the analysis to be present in that person's breath and expressed in microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath; and
- (b) time of day and the day on which the breath analysis was completed.

4— (8) In proceedings for an offence under paragraph 2, 3 or

- (a) evidence may be given of the concentration of alcohol present in the breath of the accused as determined by the breath analyzing instrument operated by the member of the Constabulary Force authorized in that behalf under sub-paragraph (2); and
- (b) the concentration of alcohol so determined shall be deemed to be the concentration of alcohol in the breath of the accused at the time of the occurrence of the event mentioned in paragraph 2(1)(a) unless the accused proves that the concentration of alcohol in his breath at that time did not exceed the prescribed limit.

(9) In proceedings for an offence under paragraph 3, a certificate purporting to be signed by a member of the Constabulary Force certifying that—

- (a) he is authorized by the Minister with responsibility for national security to operate breath analyzing instruments;
- (b) a person named in the certificate submitted to a breath analysis;

- (c) the apparatus used by him to make the breath analysis was an approved breath analyzing instrument;
- (d) the breath analysis was made on the day and completed at the time stated in the certificate;
- (e) a concentration of alcohol determined by that breath analyzing instrument and expressed in microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath was present in the breath of the person named in the certificate on the day and at the time stated in the certificate; and
- (f) a statement in writing required by sub-paragraph (7) was delivered in accordance with that sub-paragraph,

shall be *prima facie* evidence of the particulars certified in and by the certificate.

(10) In any proceedings for an offence under this paragraph, evidence of the condition of a breath analyzing instrument or the manner in which it was operated shall not be required, unless evidence that the instrument was not in proper condition or was not properly operated has been adduced.

Laboratory tests.

5.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), in the course of an investigation as to whether a person has committed an offence under paragraph 2 or 3, a constable may require a person under investigation to provide a sample of blood for a laboratory test if the person is unable, by reason of his physical condition, to provide a sample of breath for a breath test.

(2) A person shall not be required to provide a specimen of blood for a laboratory test under sub-paragraph (1) if he is at a hospital as a patient and the medical practitioner in immediate charge of his case is not first notified of the proposal to make the request or objects to the provision of a specimen on the ground that the request to provide such specimen could be prejudicial to the health, proper care, or treatment of that person.

(3) A constable shall not require a person to submit a specimen of blood for a blood analysis if a breath analysis was carried out in respect of that person and the result is available.

(4) Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the provisions of paragraph 8.

(5) For the purposes of this paragraph and paragraphs 6 and 7, where any person is required to provide a specimen of breath, such specimen shall be taken only—

- (a) with the consent of that person;
- (b) at a hospital; and
- (c) by a medical practitioner or a laboratory technologist registered under the *Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act*.

6.—(1) Where any person who is under investigation in relation to an offence under paragraph 2 refuses to provide a sample of blood for a blood test when required to do so under paragraph 5(1), his refusal may, unless reasonable cause therefor is shown, be treated as supporting any evidence given on behalf of the prosecution, or as rebutting any evidence given on behalf of the defence, with respect to his condition at the time when the offence was committed.

Refusal to consent to the taking of or providing of specimen.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), a person shall not be treated as failing to provide a specimen unless he was requested to provide a specimen but refused to do so.

7.—(1) For the purposes of any proceedings for an offence under paragraph 3, a certificate signed by an authorized analyst, certifying the proportion of alcohol found in a specimen identified by the certificate shall, subject to sub-paragraph (3), be evidence of the matters so certified and of the qualifications of the analyst.

Ancillary provisions as to evidence in proceedings for an offence under paragraphs 2 and 3.

(2) For the purposes of any proceedings for an offence under paragraph 2, a certificate purporting to be signed by the medical practitioner that he took a specimen of blood from a person with that person's consent shall, subject to sub-paragraph (3), be evidence of the matters so certified and of the qualifications of the medical practitioner.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply to a certificate tendered on behalf of the prosecution—

- (a) unless a copy has been served on the accused personally or his counsel not less than seven days before the hearing or trial; or

- (b) if the accused, not less than seven days before the hearing or trial, or within such further time as the court may in the circumstances of the case allow, has been served notice by the prosecution requiring the attendance at the hearing or trial of the person by whom the certificate was signed.

(4) Where, in proceedings for an offence under this schedule the accused, at the time a specimen of breath was taken from or provided by him, asked to be supplied with such a specimen, evidence of the proportion of alcohol found in the specimen shall not be admissible on behalf of the prosecution unless—

- (a) the specimen is either one of two taken or provided on the same occasion or is part of a single specimen which was divided into two parts at the time it was taken or provided; and
- (b) the other specimen or part was supplied to the accused.

Interpretation
of paragraphs
2 to 7.

8.—(1) References to providing a specimen of breath pursuant to paragraph 2 shall be construed as references to providing a specimen thereof in sufficient quantity to enable a breath test to be carried out.

(2) In paragraphs 2 to 7, unless the context otherwise requires—

“approved” in relation to any device, means approved by the Minister responsible for national security by order published in the *Gazette*;

“authorized analyst” means a person designated as such by the Minister responsible for health by order published in the *Gazette*;

“breath analysis” means the quantitative measuring of the proportion of alcohol in a person’s breath, carried out by means of a device of a type approved for the purpose by the Minister;

“breath test” means a test carried out by a constable for the purpose of obtaining an indication of the proportion of alcohol in a person’s breath carried out on a specimen of breath provided by such person by means of a device of a type approved for the purpose of such a test by the Minister responsible for national security;

“fail”, in relation to providing a specimen, includes refusal to provide such specimen;

“hospital” means an institution which provides medical or surgical treatment for in-patients or out-patients and any place recognized by the Minister responsible for health as a place where laboratory tests are carried out;

“laboratory test” means the analysis of a specimen provided for the purpose;

“prescribed limit” means, in respect of—

- (a) breath alcohol concentration, 35 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath;
- (b) blood alcohol concentration, 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood,

or such other concentration as may be prescribed.

SIXTH SCHEDULE (Sections 98 and 100)

The Demerit Point System

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant Section	Description of Offence	Demerit Point
20(4)	Driving a motor vehicle on a road without being the holder of a permit or driver's licence	14
20(4)	Driving a motor vehicle on a road without being the holder of a permit or driver's licence entitling the person to drive that motor vehicle	14
24(2)	Failing to comply with terms or conditions of learner's permit	2
27(3)	Failing to comply with terms and conditions of driver's licence during first year	2
27(3)	Failing to comply with terms and conditions of driver's licence	2
35(5)	A person disqualified from holding or obtaining a driver's licence— (a) wilfully drives a motor vehicle; (b) drives a motor vehicle of a particular class or description for which he is disqualified.	10
52(2)	Failure to obey traffic light or stop signs lawfully placed, erected or exhibited on or near a road	6
52(2)	Failure to obey other traffic sign lawfully placed, erected or exhibited on or near a road or visible from a road	3

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant Section	Description of Offence	Demerit Point
54(4)	Turning into or crossing major roads so as to obstruct traffic	3
55(3)	Exceeding the speed limit— (a) by 16 to 32km/h (b) by 33 to 49km/h (c) by 50km/h or more	2 4 6
57(5)	Being the driver or operator of a vehicle, failing to observe the following rules in respect of the vehicle— (a) when being approached or being overtaken by another vehicle, failing to keep the vehicle to the left or near side of the road (b) when overtaking other traffic, failing to keep the vehicle to the right or off-side of the other traffic (c) when the vehicle is being overtaken by other traffic, failing to drive so as to allow the other traffic to pass (d) while driving, driving or operating the vehicle— (i) so as to overtake other traffic without a clear and unobstructed view of the road ahead	3 3 2 3

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	(ii) alongside of, or overlap or overtake other traffic proceeding in the same direction, if by so doing the vehicle obstructs any traffic proceeding in the opposite direction	3
	(iii) so as to cross, commence to cross or turn in a road, if by so doing, the vehicle will obstruct any traffic	3
	(e) while proceeding from a place which is not a road onto a road, or from a road onto a place which is not a road, driving so as to obstruct any traffic on the road	3
	(f) while on a main road, travelling backwards further than two vehicle lengths for turning or other reasonable purpose	4
	Failure to take such action as is necessary to avoid a collision	4

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant Section	Description of Offence	Demerit Point
58(3)	Reckless or dangerous driving	14
58(3)	Reckless or dangerous driving— second or subsequent conviction	20
59(1)	Careless driving where no collision occurs	4
59(1)	Careless driving where collision occurs	10
60	Causing death by reckless or dangerous driving	20
67(2)	Carrying more than one person in addition to driver on motor cycle	3
67(2)	Causing two-wheeled motor cycle to be driven on one wheel only	3
68(3)	Drawing more than the prescribed number of trailers	4
71(2)	Driving or operating motor vehicle without there being attached to the motor vehicle and in correct working order the prescribed—	
	(a) headlamps	4
	(b) parking lamps	2
	(c) reflectors	2
	(d) rear registration plate lights	2
	(e) brake lights	2
	(f) warning devices	2
	(g) seat belts	2
72(4)	Driving motor vehicle without wearing seat belt	2

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<u>Relevant Section</u>	<u>Description of Offence</u>	<u>Demerit Point</u>
72(4)	Driver of motor vehicle not causing passenger riding in a motor vehicle to wear seat belt	2
73(2)	Driver of motor vehicle not causing child to wear or be conveyed in child restraint system	4
74(3)	Failing at all times while driving or riding on motor cycle or bicycle to wear a protective helmet in the prescribed manner of the prescribed shape, quality, construction or standard	2
74(3)	Being the driver of a motor cycle, failing to cause person who is riding as a pillion to wear a protective helmet in the prescribed manner at all times while riding on the motor cycle	2
75(1)	Driver of vehicle sounding horn or warning device or causing loud noise to emanate from vehicle which cause annoyance to persons within silence zones	2
76(4)	Failure to comply with traffic signs in school safety zone	2
76(4)	Exceeding speed limit in effect in a school safety zone—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	3
	(b) by 33km/h to 49 km/h	6
	(c) by 50km/h or more	10
77(3)	Failure to comply with traffic signs in construction zone	3

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant Section	Description of Offence	Demerit Point
77(3)	Exceeding speed limit within construction work zone—	
	(a) by 16km/h to 32km/h	3
	(b) by 33km/h to 49 km/h	6
	(c) by 50km/h or more	10
81(3)	Failing to comply with a sign of crossing patrol by—	6
	(a) failing to stop motor vehicle before reaching place where children are crossing	6
	(b) driver of motor vehicle putting vehicle in motion while signal to stop is still exhibited	6
83(3)	Driver of motor vehicle failing to yield the right of way when pedestrian is at or in pedestrian crossing	4
83(3)	Driver of motor vehicle passing vehicle stopped at pedestrian crossing	4
83(3)	Failing to observe provisions concerning pedestrian crossing	4
90(6)	Failure to give the prescribed signal before turning to, or changing direction towards, the left or right	2
90(6)	Failure to give the prescribed signal before bringing the motor vehicle to a stop and keeping it stationary	2

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Relevant Section	Description of Offence	Demerit Point
90(6)	Failure, when approaching a constable on duty at a road junction, to give the appropriate signal so as to indicate the direction in which the person wishes to proceed and so as to be visible to the constable	2
90(6)	Failure to fit motor vehicle with mechanical or illuminated device to indicate intention of driver to turn or change direction or stop vehicle and keep it stationary	2
91	Disobeying direction or signal of constable in execution of his duty	1
121(4)	Use of electronic communication device while driving	4
121(4)	Use of electronic video device within driver's line of sight while driving	6
121(4)	Driving instructor holding or using electronic communication device while instructing persons to drive	6
123	Driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle across a funeral procession	2
123	Using, driving or permitting to be used motor vehicle in a defective condition	2
123	Smoking ganja, as defined by the <i>Dangerous Drug Act</i> , while driving or attempting to drive, or while in charge of a vehicle on a road	2

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant Section	Description of Offence	Demerit Point
Fifth Schedule		
Paragraph 1	Driving motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	14
Paragraph 2	Driving or being in charge of a motor vehicle while breath or blood-alcohol level exceeds prescribed limit	14
Paragraph 3	Failing to provide specimen of breath—first conviction	14
Paragraph 3	Failing to provide specimen of breath—second conviction	20
Paragraph 4	Failing to submit to breath analysis or wilfully doing anything to alter alcohol concentration in blood	14

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SEVENTH SCHEDULE

(Sections 2(1),
3(2))

The Island Traffic Authority

*Administration*Appointment
of Director-
General,
other officers
and
employees.

1.—(1) Subject to subparagraph (3), the Authority may appoint and employ a chief executive officer of the Authority who shall be known as the Director-General of Road Traffic.

(2) The Director-General shall hold office on and subject to such terms and conditions (other than terms and conditions relating to remuneration and superannuation) as may be determined by the Authority, with the approval of the Minister in consultation with the Minister responsible for the public service.

(3) An individual who would not be eligible to be an appointed member of the Authority by virtue of paragraph 2 of the Ninth Schedule is not eligible to be appointed as Director-General.

(4) For the proper carrying out of the provisions of this Act, the Director-General may appoint and employ to any office within the Authority, officers and employees, at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as the Director-General thinks fit.

(5) For the purposes of subparagraphs (1) and (4) and except with the prior approval of the Minister responsible for the public service—

(a) no salary in excess of the prescribed rate shall be assigned to any office; and

(b) no appointment shall be made to any office to which a salary in excess of the prescribed rate is assigned.

(6) For the purposes of subparagraph (5), the “prescribed rate” shall be such rate as the Minister responsible for the public service may prescribe by order subject to affirmative resolution.

(7) The Governor-General may, subject to such conditions as he may impose, approve the appointment of any officer in the service of the Government to any office with the Authority and any officer so appointed or while so employed, shall in relation to other rights as a public officer be treated as continuing in the service of Government.

(8) The Director-General shall consult with the Authority in establishing the qualification for the various offices within the Authority and shall advise the Authority on all appointments to fill such offices.

(9) The Director-General shall not hold any other office or position without the consent of the Authority.

2. The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister responsible for the public service—

Pensions, gratuities and other retiring benefits.

- (a) enter into arrangements respecting schemes, whether by way of insurance policies or otherwise; and
- (b) make regulations,

for medical benefits, pensions, gratuities and other retiring benefits or disability or death benefits, relating to officers and employees of the Authority and such arrangements or regulations may include provisions for the grant of benefits to the dependants and the legal personal representatives of such officers and employees.

3.—(1) The Director General shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration and management of the Authority, including—

Functions of Director-General.

- (a) the implementation of the policies of the Authority;
- (b) providing the members of the Authority with all information, including financial information, in relation to the performance of his functions as the Authority may, from time to time, require;
- (c) the preparation and submission of the strategic, corporate and other plans for the approval of the Authority;
- (d) ensuring administrative support for the Authority and any committee of the Authority established under the Ninth Schedule, as is required;
- (e) ensuring that the members of the Authority are kept abreast of matters relevant to the administration and management of the Authority; and
- (f) the performance of such other functions as are conferred upon the Director-General by or under this Act or any other enactment.

Ninth Schedule.

(2) The Director-General shall have regard to the advice and recommendations given to the Director-General by the members of the Authority.

(3) Such of the functions of the Director-General as from time to time may be specified by him may, with the consent of the Authority, be performed by such member of the staff of the Authority as may be authorized by the Director-General.

(4) The functions of the Director-General may be performed in his absence or when the position of Director-General is vacant by such member of the staff of the Authority as may from time to time be designated for that purpose by the Authority.

Delegation by
Director-
General.

4.—(1) Subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), the Director-General may delegate any of the functions conferred upon him by paragraph 3 to any other officer, or employee or agent of the Authority.

(2) The Director-General shall not delegate any of the functions under subparagraph (1) to an agent without the approval of the Authority.

(3) Every delegation under subparagraph (1) is revocable by the Authority and the delegation of a function shall not preclude the performance of that function by the Director-General.

Financial Provisions, Accounts and Reports

Funds and
resources of
Authority.

5.—(1) The funds and resources of the Authority shall consist of—

- (a) such sums as may, from time to time, be placed at the disposal of the Authority by Parliament; and
- (b) all other sums and other property which may, in any manner, become payable to or vested in the Authority in respect of any matter relating or incidental to its functions.

(2) The expenses of the Authority, including the remuneration of officers and employees, shall be paid out of the funds of the Authority.

Power to
invest
monies, etc.

6. All moneys of the Authority not immediately required to be expended for the purpose of meeting any of the obligations or discharging any of the functions of the Authority may be invested in such securities or other investment as may be approved, either

specifically or generally, by the Minister responsible for finance and the Authority may sell any or all of the securities or other investment.

7.—(1) The Authority shall keep proper accounts and other records in relation to its business, and shall prepare annually statements of accounts, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated from time to time, by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica, or such other body as the Minister may specify by order. Accounts and audit.

(2) The accounts of the Authority shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Authority with the approval of the Minister.

(3) An auditor so appointed shall be a registered public accountant within the meaning of section 2 of the *Public Accountancy Act*.

(4) The members, officers and employees of the Authority shall—

- (a) grant to the auditor appointed under subparagraph (2), access to all documents, cash and securities of the Authority; and
- (b) give to the auditor, upon request, all such information as may be within their knowledge in relation to the business of the Authority.

(5) The auditor's fee and any expenses of the audit shall be paid by the Authority.

(6) The Auditor-General shall be entitled at all reasonable times to examine the accounts and other records of the Authority in relation to the business of the Authority.

8. The Authority shall, not later than the 30th day of November in each year, submit to the Minister responsible for finance and the Minister, for his approval a corporate plan, an operating plan, and estimates of revenue and expenditure, for the ensuing financial year. Operating plan.

9. The Authority shall furnish the Minister with such returns, accounts and other information as he may require with respect to the activities of the Authority and afford him facilities for verifying the information in such manner and at such time as he may reasonably require. Returns, etc.

Annual
report.

10.—(1) The Authority shall prepare in the prescribed form and submit to the Minister responsible for finance and the Minister a quarterly, half-yearly and annual reports in accordance with the *Public Bodies Management and Accountability Act*.

(2) The Minister shall cause copies of the report together with the auditor's report to be laid on the table of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Seal and Execution of Documents

Seal and
execution of
documents.

11.—(1) The seal of the Authority shall be—

- (a) kept in the custody of the chairman or the secretary of the Authority; and
- (b) authenticated by the signatures of the chairman or any other member of the Authority authorized to act in that behalf by the Authority, and the secretary of the Authority.

(2) All documents (other than those required by law to be under seal) made by, and all decisions of, the Authority may be signified under the hand of the chairman or any member authorized to act in that behalf or the secretary of the Authority.

General

Remuneration.

12. There shall be paid to the chairman, deputy chairman and other members of the Authority such remuneration (whether by way of honorarium, salaries or fees) and such allowances, as the Minister responsible for the public service may determine.

Service of
documents.

13. Any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Authority under this Act or any other enactment may, unless there is express provision to the contrary, be served by delivering the summons, notice or other document to the chairman or secretary of the Authority, or by sending it by registered post addressed to the secretary of the Authority at the principal office of the Authority.

Appointment
of
committees.

14.—(1) The Authority may appoint committees for special purposes connected with the functions of the Authority and which, in the opinion of the members of the Authority, would be better regulated and managed by means of committees.

(2) The number of members of a committee appointed under subparagraph (1), the terms of appointment of the members, the quorum of the committee and the areas within which the committees are to exercise authority shall be determined by the members of the Authority.

(3) Committees of the Authority shall make recommendations to the full membership of the Authority for their ratification and decision; and the decisions of a committee shall not be binding on the Authority.

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

(Section 4(1))

Functions of Authority

1. The functions of the Authority shall include—
- (a) traffic flow management, by—
 - (i) analyzing traffic on roads;
 - (ii) developing and implementing measures to reduce traffic congestion and collision rates; and
 - (iii) regulating parking on and access to roads;
 - (b) the development and implementation of traffic calming measures;
 - (c) the development and implementation of plans for the improvement of road networks in order to meet immediate and anticipated needs, using projections based on factors such as—
 - (i) the measurement of traffic patterns on roads;
 - (ii) land use; and
 - (iii) development plans;
 - (d) the improvement of road safety, the promotion of transport efficiency and the reduction of the costs of administering road transport;
 - (e) the monitoring and inspection of vehicles, including by—
 - (i) electronic monitoring and surveillance; and
 - (ii) the installation on, or near, any road such devices as may be approved by the Minister in the regulations, for the purpose of detecting or recording, by electronic means, offences against this Act;
 - (f) the testing of applicants for—
 - (i) learner's permits; or
 - (ii) driver's licences;
 - (g) the granting of certificates of competence and the issuing of—
 - (i) learner's permits; and
 - (ii) driver's licences;
 - (h) the licensing and registration of motor vehicles to be used on roads;
 - (i) the inspection of motor vehicles and the granting of certificates of fitness pursuant to section 8;
 - (j) the granting of special permits to import for use or to use or operate on any road, motor vehicles—
 - (i) the dimensions of which exceed the prescribed dimensions; or

- (ii) the construction and design of which do not comply with this Act or the regulations;
 - (k) the keeping of records of endorsements on driver's licences;
 - (l) the establishment and maintenance of a statistical unit for the keeping of records relating to the location, frequency and causes of collisions on roads;
 - (m) the keeping of—
 - (i) the Driver's Offences Register;
 - (ii) the Driver's Licences Register;
 - (iii) the National Vehicle Register; and
 - (iv) all records and other registers required to be kept under this Act;
 - (n) the licensing and regulation of driving instructors and driving schools and the setting of minimum standards for the operation of driving instructors and driving schools;
 - (o) the licensing of agents and persons;
 - (p) preparing the Road Code and such other publications for ensuring the safe use of roads, as the Authority deems necessary;
 - (q) advising the Minister on matters of general policy relating to the safe use of roads;
 - (r) monitoring and issuing notices under the traffic ticketing system; and
 - (s) performing any other functions pertaining to the safe use of roads as may be assigned to the Authority by the Minister or under this Act or any other enactment.
2. In performing the functions specified in paragraph 1, the Authority may—
- (a) in the presence of a constable, stop, test and inspect vehicles on any road as to their mechanical fitness or fitness to be driven on a road;
 - (b) carry out or support, by financial means or otherwise, research which, in its opinion, is relevant to any of those functions;
 - (c) conduct seminars and provide appropriate training programmes and consulting services and gather and disseminate information relating to the safe use of roads;

- (d) subject to this Act, impose fees payable in respect of any licence or for any service provided by the Authority; or
 - (e) do anything or enter into any arrangement which, in the opinion of the Authority, is necessary to ensure the proper performance of its functions.
3. The Authority—
- (a) shall, in the performance of its functions in relation to any road, consult with the Road Authority responsible for the maintenance of that road; and a consultation may relate to matters concerning—
 - (i) the use and erection of traffic signs;
 - (ii) pedestrian crossings; and
 - (iii) the management of traffic on roads; and
 - (b) may require a Road Authority to perform any act that the Authority thinks is necessary for the regulation and control of traffic on any road managed by that Road Authority.
4. Any Road Authority which seeks to implement traffic control measures shall obtain the prior approval of the Authority.
5. In this Schedule—
- “traffic calming” includes physical measures and strategies aimed at—
- (a) ameliorating any negative effects of vehicle use on roads;
 - (b) reducing traffic speed or volume, in the interest of road safety; and
 - (c) altering driver behaviour and improving conditions for pedestrians and pedal cyclists;
- “traffic flow management” means—
- (a) the analysis and assessment of traffic on roads;
 - (b) the determination of appropriate traffic control measures to achieve—
 - (i) reduction of congestion and collisions;
 - (ii) traffic calming; and
 - (iii) effective detection of traffic offences; and
 - (c) the regulation of parking, road access and interruptions of traffic flow along roads.

NINTH SCHEDULE

(Section 5(3))

Members of the Island Traffic Authority

1.—(1) The Island Traffic Authority (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) shall consist of thirteen members of whom— Membership of Authority.

- (a) eight shall be *ex officio* members; and
- (b) five members shall be appointed by the Minister (hereinafter referred to as “the appointed members”).

(2) The *ex officio* members of the Authority are—

- (a) a representative from the Ministry responsible for transport;
- (b) the Commissioner of Police or his nominee;
- (c) the Managing Director of the Transport Authority or his nominee;
- (d) the Chief Executive Officer of the National Works Agency or his nominee;
- (e) the Financial Secretary or his nominee;
- (f) the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for local government or his nominee;
- (g) the Trade Administrator or his nominee; and
- (h) a person designated by the Minister responsible for persons with disabilities, being a person who appears to represent the community of persons with disabilities.

(3) The appointed members shall be—

- (a) a person who appears to the Minister to be a representative of the general insurance industry; and
- (b) four persons appearing to the Minister to be competent in matters relating to road traffic management, road safety or transport.

(4) The Director-General shall not be a member of the Authority, however, the Director-General has the right to attend meetings of the members of the Authority and to address the members of the Authority on matters relating to the Authority.

Ineligibility
for appoint-
ment.

2.—(1) The following individuals shall not be eligible to be appointed members of the Authority, that is to say—

- (a) members of the House of Representatives or the Senate;
- (b) members of the Council of a Municipal Corporation, City Council or Town Council;
- (c) an individual who is not a fit and proper person within the meaning of paragraph 3.

(2) An individual shall not be appointed as a member of the Authority unless the individual has forwarded to the Minister a voluntary declaration declaring that he is not ineligible for appointment under paragraph 2 (1).

(3) An appointment made in contravention of this paragraph shall be void.

Meaning of
fit and proper
person.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 2, an individual, whether in Jamaica or elsewhere, is a fit and proper person if—

- (a) the individual—
 - (i) has not been convicted of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude or of an offence listed in the Second Schedule to the *Proceeds of Crime Act* or an offence that is similar to any such offence in another jurisdiction;
 - (ii) is not an undischarged bankrupt; and
- (b) the individual's employment record or any other information does not give the Minister reasonable cause to believe that the individual carried out any act involving dishonesty or any act involving impropriety that will interfere with his ability to fulfill his functions; and
- (c) the individual is, in the opinion of the Minister—
 - (i) an individual of sound probity, and is able to exercise competence, diligence and sound judgment in fulfilling his functions;

- (ii) an individual who possesses the knowledge skills and experience which are necessary for the intended functions to be carried out by that individual; and
- (iii) an individual whose appointment will not raise an issue of conflict of interest or undue influence.

4. The Minister may appoint any individual to act temporarily in the place of any appointed member of the Authority in the case of the absence or inability to act of such member in keeping with the composition of the Authority.

Temporary
Appoint-
ment.

5.—(1) The Minister shall appoint a chairman and a deputy chairman from among the appointed members.

Chairman and
deputy
chairman.

(2) In the case of the chairman being absent from or unable to act at any meeting, the deputy chairman shall exercise the functions of the chairman, if the deputy chairman is present at the meeting and is able to so act.

(3) In the case of the chairman and the deputy chairman being absent from or unable to act at any meeting, members of the Authority present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to act as chairman at that meeting.

6.—(1) On the application of any member, the Minister may grant leave of absence to the member.

Leave of
absence.

(2) The Minister may direct a member to proceed on leave of absence if the member has been charged of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude or of an offence listed in the Second Schedule to the *Proceeds of Crime Act* or an offence that is similar to any such offence in another jurisdiction.

7.—(1) Subject to this Schedule, the appointment of every appointed member of the Authority shall be evidenced by an instrument in writing.

Tenure of
office.

(2) The instrument shall specify the period of office of the member, which shall not exceed three years.

(3) Every appointed member of the Authority shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Resignation. 8.—(1) The chairman may, at any time, resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister.

(2) The resignation shall take effect as from the date of receipt by the Minister of the instrument.

(3) An appointed member other than the chairman may, at any time, resign his office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister and transmitted through the chairman.

(4) From the date of the receipt by the Minister of the instrument, the member shall cease to be a member of the Authority.

Revocation of appointment. 9. The Minister may revoke the appointment of any member if the member—

- (a) is unable to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of body or mind or any other cause);
- (b) is convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment or to death;
- (c) becomes bankrupt within the meaning of the *Insolvency Act*;
- (d) becomes disqualified for appointment by virtue of paragraph 2;
- (e) fails to discharge the functions of his office in a competent manner;
- (f) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Authority, or any of its committees, without reasonable excuse or explanation; or
- (g) engages in action or behaviour that is reasonably likely to bring the Authority into disrepute; or
- (h) engages in action or behaviour which constitute sufficient cause for removal.

Publication of membership. 10. The names of the members of the Authority as first constituted and every change in the membership shall be published in the *Gazette*.

11.—(1) The Authority shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Authority may determine. Procedure and meetings.

(2) The chairman may, at any time, call a special meeting of the Authority and shall call a special meeting within seven days of the receipt of a written request for that purpose addressed to him by any two members of the Authority.

(3) The chairman or, in the case of his absence or inability to act, the deputy chairman or the individual elected in accordance with paragraph 5(3), as the case may be, shall preside at meetings of the Authority.

(4) Subject to subparagraph (5), decisions of the Authority shall be by a majority of the members present and voting, however, in addition to an original vote the chairman, deputy chairman or other member presiding at a meeting shall have an original and a casting vote in any case in which the voting is equal.

(5) The quorum for meetings of the Authority shall be seven including two appointed members.

(6) The minutes of each meeting of the Authority shall be kept in proper form and shall be confirmed by the chairman as soon as practicable at a subsequent meeting.

(7) The validity of any proceedings of the Authority shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members or by any defect in the appointment of a member.

12.—(1) A member who is, in any way, directly or indirectly interested in a contract made or proposed to be made by the Authority, or in any other matter which falls to be considered by the Authority, shall disclose or cause to be disclosed the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Authority and the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and the member shall not— Disclosure of interest.

- (a) in the case of a contract, take part in any deliberation or decision of the Authority with respect to the contract; and
- (b) in the case of any other matter, take part in any deliberation or decision of the Authority with respect to the matter if the Authority decides that the interest in question might prejudicially affect the member's consideration of the matter,

and shall further excuse himself from the meeting while the matter is under discussion.

(2) A notice given by a member at a meeting of the Authority to the effect that he is a member of a specific company, firm or other body and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which is made after the date of the notice with the company, firm or body shall, for the purposes of subparagraph (1), be a sufficient disclosure of his interest in relation to any contract so made.

(3) A member need not attend in person a meeting of the Authority in order to make a disclosure which he is required to make under this paragraph, if he takes reasonable steps to ensure that the disclosure is made by notice which is taken into consideration and read at such a meeting.

Office of
chairman or
member not a
public office.

13. The office of chairman, deputy chairman, or member of the Authority or any of its committees shall not be a public office for the purpose of Part V of the *Constitution of Jamaica*.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 6th day of February, 2018 with one hundred and thirty-one (131) amendments.

PEARNEL CHARLES, CD, MP, JP

Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 11th day of May, 2018 with one hundred and sixty-one (161) amendments..

AUBYN HILL

Deputy President.

On the 30th day of October, 2018 the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate.

PEARNEL P. CHARLES, CD, MP, JP

Speaker.

On the 13th day of November, 2018 the House of Representatives made six (6) further amendments.

FRANKLIN WITTER

Deputy Speaker.

On the 7th day of December, 2018 the Senate agreed to the further amendments made by the House of Representatives.

THOMAS TAVARES-FINSON, CD, QC, JP

President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and Senate, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Bill.

Sgd. Skathes E. Cooke
Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.

