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SENATE

**BILL**

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic  
Act, Chap. 48:50

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THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013

**Explanatory Note**

(These notes form no part of the Bill, but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

This Bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) to provide for the issuance of special identification marks to be carried on the registration plates of motor vehicles owned by diplomats as well as to regulate the sizes and colour of the plates and letters and the manner of displaying such plates.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide the interpretation of “the Act”.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to amend section 12 of the Act by inserting after subsection (3) a new subsection (3A) which would enable the Licensing Authority upon an application by a Diplomat or diplomatic organization to register a motor vehicle as a diplomatic motor vehicle by entering the vehicle’s particulars into the register and assigning special identification marks to be carried on the vehicle’s registration plates.

Section 12 of the Act is further amended by inserting after subsection (9), a new subsection (10) which introduces the definitions of “diplomat” and “diplomatic organization”.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend section 15 of the Act which speaks to the cancellation of registration of a vehicle. The proposed amendment to this section seeks to insert two new paragraphs, (f) and (g).

Paragraph (f) would seek to provide for the cancellation of a diplomatic registration done under section 12(3A) where the registered owner is *no longer entitled* to enjoy privileges and immunities afforded to him under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act.

Paragraph (g) would seek to provide for the cancellation of a diplomatic registration done under section 12(3A) where the registered owner is *not entitled* to enjoy privileges and

immunities afforded to him under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to further amend section 15 of the Act by inserting after subsection (1), a new subsection (1A) which would seek to provide for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 12(3) after its registration has been cancelled under paragraph *(f)* or *(g)*.



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ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Short title  
Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2013.

Interpretation  
Chap. 48:50

**2.** In this Act, “the Act” means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

Section 12 amended

**3.** Section 12 of the Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) The Licensing Authority shall—

(a) on the application by a diplomat or diplomatic organization for the registration of a motor vehicle in his or its name; and

(b) upon being satisfied that the provisions of this Act and the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risk) Act and Regulations made thereunder, have been complied with,

register the motor vehicle as a diplomatic motor vehicle and forthwith enter particulars of the vehicle in the register and shall assign to the vehicle special identification marks to be carried on the registration plates of the vehicle.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (9), the following subsection:

“(10) In this section—

“diplomat” means a diplomatic agent, consular officer or an official of an international organization or agency who is certified in writing by the Minister with responsibility for foreign affairs as being entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act;

Chap. 17:01

“diplomatic organization” means a diplomatic mission, consular post or a regional or international organization or agency that is certified in writing by the Minister with responsibility for foreign affairs as being entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act.”.

4. Section 15 of the Act is amended—

Section 15 amended

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) in paragraph (d), by deleting the word “or”;
- (ii) in paragraph (e), by deleting the fullstop and substituting a semi-colon; and
- (iii) by inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraphs:

“(f) the owner of a motor vehicle registered under section 12(3A) is no longer entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act; or

(g) an application is made to transfer a motor vehicle registered under section 12(3A) to a person who is not entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“ (1A) Where the registration of a motor vehicle is cancelled under paragraph (f) or (g), the Licensing Authority may register that motor vehicle under section 12(3).”.

Passed in the Senate this      day of                      , 2013.

*Clerk of the Senate*

I confirm the above.

*President of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this      day  
of                                      , 2013.

*Clerk of the House*

I confirm the above.

*Speaker*



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