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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 2 of 2026

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50, for the introduction and implementation of fixed penalty warnings for specific traffic violations in the Ninth Schedule and related matters

[Assented to 29th January, 2026]

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, 2026.

Commencement	2. This Act comes into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.
Interpretation	3. In this Act, “the Act” means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.
Section 20B amended	4. Section 20B of the Act is amended by inserting after the words “in the Seventh Schedule”, the words “or the Ninth Schedule”.
Section 80 amended	<p>5. Section 80 of the Act is amended by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“business day” means any day other than—</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(b) Carnival Monday or Carnival Tuesday;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“fixed penalty warning” means a warning issued under section 80A and includes a duplicate of such warning;”.</p>
Sections 80A and 80B inserted	<p>6. The Act is amended by inserting after section 80, the following sections:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">80A. (1) Where a constable has reason to believe that a person is committing or has committed a traffic violation specified in the First Column of the Eleventh Schedule, the constable shall issue the driver with a fixed penalty warning that offers the driver the opportunity to remedy the traffic violation and to report and produce evidence of the remedying of the traffic violation within the number of business days specified in the fixed penalty warning by presenting the vehicle for inspection by—</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(a) the Licensing Authority at any of its location;</p>

“Requirement to issue fixed penalty warning

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(b) a police officer at any police station; or

(c) such other person and at such other location,

specified in the fixed penalty warning.

(2) Where a constable finds a vehicle on any occasion and has reason to believe that a traffic violation specified in the First Column of the Eleventh Schedule is being or has been committed in respect of that vehicle, the constable shall affix a fixed penalty warning to any part of the vehicle where the fixed penalty warning may be easily seen and for the purposes of this Part, the affixed fixed penalty warning shall be deemed to have been served upon the person liable for the traffic violation.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the owner of a vehicle on which a fixed penalty warning was affixed under subsection (2) shall be presumed to be the person liable for the traffic violation and shall be required to comply with the fixed penalty warning.

(4) A fixed penalty warning affixed to a vehicle under subsection (2) shall not be removed or interfered with except by, or under the authority of, the driver of the vehicle or the person liable for the traffic violation.

(5) A person who contravenes subsection (4), commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars.

(6) Where a fixed penalty warning has been issued or affixed under this section, the police officer in charge of the police station for the district in which the fixed penalty warning was issued shall send a duplicate of the fixed penalty warning to the Licensing Authority within one day from the date of issue or affixing of the fixed penalty warning.

(7) Where a driver or owner of a vehicle complies with a fixed penalty warning, he shall be provided with a certificate of compliance in a form approved by the Minister and published in the *Gazette* and where the certificate of compliance is issued by a person other than the Licensing Authority, a copy of the certificate shall be transmitted to the Licensing Authority within one day from the date of issue of the certificate.

(8) Where a certificate of compliance is issued to a driver or owner of a vehicle under subsection (7) in respect of a fixed penalty warning, he shall be discharged from any liability for the traffic violation specified in the fixed penalty warning.

(9) Where a driver or owner of a vehicle fails to comply with a fixed penalty warning, the fixed penalty warning shall be deemed to be a fixed penalty notice for the traffic violation specified in the fixed penalty warning and the driver or owner of the vehicle shall be liable for the traffic violation in accordance with this Act.

Contents of
fixed penalty
warning

80B. (1) A fixed penalty warning shall bear the signature of the constable and shall specify—

- (a) the date, time and place that the fixed penalty warning was issued or affixed;
- (b) the section of the written law creating the traffic violation and such particulars of the traffic violation as are required for proceedings under this Act or the Summary Courts Act;
- (c) the number of business days within which the driver or owner of the vehicle shall be required to comply with the fixed penalty warning;
- (d) the person to whom and the location where the driver or owner of the vehicle may report and produce evidence of the remedying of the traffic violation; and
- (e) the following in the event that the fixed penalty warning is deemed to be a fixed penalty notice under section 80A(9):
 - (i) the time within which the fixed penalty for the traffic violation may be paid in accordance with section 83(1);

- (ii) the amount of the fixed penalty;
- (iii) the payee to whom the fixed penalty may be paid;
- (iv) the applicable number of demerit points for the traffic violation as specified in the Fourth Column of the Ninth Schedule; and
- (v) that the person may contest the fixed penalty notice by filing a notice to contest in accordance with section 85.

(2) A fixed penalty warning shall be in the form approved by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*.

(3) The number of business days specified under subsection (1)(c) shall be in accordance with the Second Column of the Eleventh Schedule.

(4) The person and the location specified under subsection (1)(d) shall be in accordance with the Third Column of the Eleventh Schedule.

(5) The Minister may, by Order subject to negative resolution of Parliament, amend the Eleventh Schedule.”.

Ninth Schedule
amended

7. The Ninth Schedule to the Act is amended in item 36, by deleting the word “2,400.00” and substituting the word “2,250.00”.

8. The Act is amended by inserting after the Tenth Schedule, the following Schedule: Eleventh Schedule
inserted

“ELEVENTH SCHEDULE

(Section 80A)

FIXED PENALTY WARNINGS ISSUED FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Item No.	FIRST COLUMN <i>Description of Traffic Violation with reference to Item No. in the Ninth Schedule</i>	SECOND COLUMN <i>Time to Remedy Traffic Violation</i>	THIRD COLUMN <i>Location</i>
1.	35. No identification lights for the illumination of identification marks on vehicles at night	3 business days	(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices (b) A police officer at any police station
2.	37. Number of passengers to be carried not printed on right front door of taxi	3 business days	(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices (b) A police officer at any police station
3.	39. No Tare and M.G.W. painted on vehicles	3 business days	(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices (b) A police officer at any police station

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4.	40. Vehicle with defective fittings	7 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
5.	41. Vehicle without silencers or fitted with cut outs	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
6.	42. Unauthorised lights to front or rear of vehicles	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
7.	43. Unauthorised letters and figures on vehicle	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

8.	44. Vehicles without two head lamps	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
9.	45. Vehicle without park lights	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
10.	46. Vehicle without tail lights	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
11.	48. No “left hand drive” notice affixed to appropriate vehicle	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>

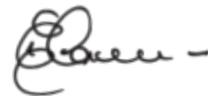
ELEVENTH SCHEDULE—*CONTINUED*

12.	63. Vehicle without horn	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
13.	64. Permitting excess sparks, smoke or visible vapour to come from vehicle	7 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
14.	72. Vehicle without reflecting mirror	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
15.	74. Use of noisy vehicle	7 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

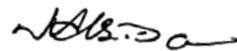
16.	76. Use of vehicle with no windshield wiper or defective wiper	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
17.	79. Public Service vehicle without spare tyre	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station</p>
18.	82. Placing of advertisement on side of window of taxi	3 business days	<p>(a) The Licensing Authority at any of its offices</p> <p>(b) A police officer at any police station”.</p>

Passed in the House of Representatives this 16th day of January, 2026.



Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 20th day of January, 2026.



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