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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

THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Explanatory Note

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

The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (“the Bill”) proposes to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 (“the Act”) in order to introduce and implement fixed penalty warnings for specific traffic violations in the Ninth Schedule and for related matters.

Clause 1 of the Bill would provide for the title of the Act.

Clause 2 of the Bill would provide for the Act to come into operation on such date as is fixed by the President by Proclamation.

Clause 3 of the Bill would provide for the interpretation of the words “the Act” to mean the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend section 20B of the Act by inserting the words, “or the Ninth Schedule” to make it clear that any breach of a condition which is listed in the Ninth Schedule constitutes a traffic violation.

Clause 5 of the Bill inserts definitions for “business day” and “fixed penalty warning” in Part VI of the Act. A “fixed penalty warning” means a warning issued under section 80A of the Act and includes a duplicate of such warning.

Clause 6 of the Bill inserts new sections 80A and 80B into the Act.

The new section 80A details the procedure and processes which follow after a constable issues a fixed penalty warning for a traffic violation specified in the First Column of the Eleventh Schedule. It contains nine subsections.

Subsection (1) provides for a constable to issue a fixed penalty warning to a driver where he has reason to believe that a traffic violation is being or has been committed. Subsection (2) allows a constable to affix a fixed penalty

warning for a traffic violation specified in the Eleventh Schedule to any part of a vehicle. Subsection (3) provides that the owner of the vehicle on which the fixed penalty warning was affixed shall be presumed to be the person liable for the traffic violation mentioned in the fixed penalty warning.

Subsections (4) and (5) provide that only the driver, someone under the driver's authority or the person liable for the traffic violation shall remove the fixed penalty warning that is affixed to a vehicle. A person who contravenes subsection (4) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars in accordance with subsection (5).

Subsection (6) indicates that when a fixed penalty warning is issued or affixed, the police officer in charge of the station for the relevant district shall send a duplicate of the warning to the Licensing Authority within one day from the date of issue or affixing.

Subsection (7) provides that where a driver or owner of a vehicle complies with the fixed penalty warning, he shall be provided with a certificate of compliance in a form approved by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*. Subsection (8) states that once a certificate of compliance is issued, the driver or owner would be discharged from liability for the traffic violation mentioned in the fixed penalty warning. Subsection (9) indicates that where a fixed penalty warning is not complied with, it shall be deemed to be a fixed penalty notice and the driver or owner shall be liable for the traffic violation in accordance with the Act.

The new section 80B details the contents of a fixed penalty warning. It contains five subsections. Subsection (1) provides for the contents of a fixed penalty warning and states that it shall bear the signature of the constable. Subsection (2) provides that a fixed penalty warning shall be in a form approved by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation and published in the *Gazette*. Subsection (3) states that the number of business days in the fixed penalty warning shall be in accordance with the Second Column of the Eleventh Schedule. Subsection (4) provides that the person and location in the fixed penalty warning shall be in accordance with the Third Column of the Eleventh Schedule. Subsection (5) states that the Minister may, by Order subject to negative resolution of Parliament, amend the Eleventh Schedule.

Clause 7 of the Bill amends item 36 in the Ninth Schedule to the Act, to make it consistent with section 88D(1)(c), by reducing the fixed penalty of two thousand, four hundred dollars which exceeds seventy-five per cent of the fine prescribed in the Act, to two thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Clause 8 of the Bill inserts a new Eleventh Schedule which specifies eighteen traffic violations listed in the First Column of the Ninth Schedule for which fixed penalty warnings shall be issued. The Eleventh Schedule also details in the Second Column and Third Column, respectively, the time in which the traffic violations are to be remedied and the locations where vehicles are to be presented for inspection as evidence of the violation being remedied.

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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, 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 **5.** Section 80 of the Act is amended by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions:

 “business day” means any day other than—

 (a) a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;

 (b) Carnival Monday or Carnival Tuesday;

 or

 (c) any other day when the offices of the Licensing Authority are officially closed;

 “fixed penalty warning” means a warning issued under section 80A and includes a duplicate of such warning;”.

Sections 80A and 80B inserted **6.** The Act is amended by inserting after section 80, the following sections:

“Requirement to issue fixed penalty warning Eleventh Schedule 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—

- (a) the Licensing Authority at any of its location;
- (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 ^{Eleventh Schedule} Schedule, the following 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

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE—*CONTINUED*

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>

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2026.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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