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BILL No. 7 of 2023

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

S.E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

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BILL No. 7 of 2023

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

A.D. 2023 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. Cap.51:02

1. This Act, which amends the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2023.

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended as follows-

(a) by inserting immediately after the definition of "drive", the following definition-

" "electric cycle" means any motor cycle that-

(a) has an electric motor; and

(b) is fitted with an effective stopping system controlled by use of brakes, gears or motor control;"; and

(b) in the definition of "motor cycle", by inserting immediately after the word "hundredweight" the words "and includes an electric cycle".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to amend section 2 of the **Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Cap. 51:02** to regulate the use of electric cycles.

Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 2 of the Principal Act by inserting into the Act a definition for "electric cycle". An electric cycle is defined to be any motor cycle that has an electric motor, and is fitted with an effective stopping system controlled by use of brakes, gears or motor control. As an electric cycle is defined to be a motor cycle all the specifications of a motor cycle, as set out in the Act, will also be applicable to an electric cycle.

Additionally, the definition of "motor vehicle" is amended by expanding this definition to include an 'electric cycle".

Collectively, these two amendments will bring electric cycles under the same legislative regime as motor cycles. This means that the provisions of the Principal Act, and any subsidiary legislation made under the Act, governing the registration and use of motor cycles will now be applicable to electric cycles.

Hon. Brindley Horatio Robeson Benn, M.P
Minister of Home Affairs