

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 2026

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and shall come into operation on such day as the Governor may appoint by Notice published in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—
“principal Act” means the Road Traffic Act.

Section 2 amended

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—
 (a) by repealing the definition of “community cab” and substituting the following—
 ““community transportation” means a motor vehicle constructed and used for the carriage of not less than five passengers but not more than eighteen passengers, which, when in the control of a person holding a valid licence under Part IV, is permitted to carry passengers on a fare paying basis;”;
 (b) under paragraph (a) of the definition of “public service vehicle” by deleting the word “cab” and substituting “transportation”; and
 (c) by inserting, in its correct alphabetical order, the following—

““Islander” has the meaning assigned to it under the Turks and Caicos Islander Status Act;”.

Section 10 amended

4. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting—

“(b)is not an Islander, including with respect for an application for a community transportation licence.”.

Section 13 amended

5. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended as follows—

(a) by repealing subsection (4) and substituting—

“(4) No public service vehicle other than a community transportation or taxi-cab shall stand or ply for casual hire, and a person who uses or offers a public service vehicle (not being a community transportation or taxi-cab) for casual hire commits an offence.”;

(b) by repealing subsection (5) and substituting—

“(5) Any person who is convicted of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to—

(a) a fine of \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term of six months; and

(b) having the vehicle used in the commission of the offence impounded.”.

Section 14 amended

6. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting paragraph (f) and substituting—

“(f) the equipment of public service vehicles including electronic software navigation systems and the manner in which such equipment is to be used.”.

PASSED by the Parliament this day of 2026.

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Tracey Parker
Clerk to the Parliament

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Gordon Burton
Speaker

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Road Traffic Act is amended to enhance the public service vehicle operations by enhancing “community transportation services” and eliminating the illegal “jitney-style” passenger transport services. The Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations will be amended to provide the detailed provisions, and the Bill is amended by restyling the “community cab” phraseology to “community transportation” and amending its definition” and other relevant amendments to enable the changes in the Regulations.

The BILL

1. Clauses 1 and 2 deal with preliminary matters (Short title, commencement, and Interpretation)
2. Clause 3 – amends section 2 to provide for the new definition for a “community transportation” and to include the definition of “Islander” within the Road Traffic Act.
3. Clause 4 – amends section 10 to rephrase the requirements for persons with Islander Status (by including the definition under section 2) for persons who can apply for the community transportation licence. Section 10(2)(a) of the Road Traffic Act refers to prescribing particulars, so the other new requirements relating to community transportation licence applications are already covered by this enabling paragraph.
4. Clause 5 – amends section 13 of the Act, which specifies penalties for Part IV of the Act to make it an offence for any vehicle other than a community transportation or a taxi-cab to stand or ply for casual hire. It further includes the new penalty of impounding under the Act. This is also provided for under the amendment to regulation 34, but it is equally needed under the Act so that it is not ultra vires.
5. Clause 6 – amends section 14 of the Act to provide for the power to make regulations for electronic software navigation systems.