



## Published - Traffic (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2026

**George Town, Cayman Islands — 5 February 2026** — The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (MPLAHI) has confirmed that the *Traffic (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2026* was published in the Gazette today.

The Bill amends the *Traffic Act* (2023 Revision) to clarify key statutory definitions and to validate certain administrative actions taken by the Director of Licensing, ensuring legal certainty, consistency, and continuity in the application of the law.

### Purpose of the Bill

The Bill has two primary objectives:

- to clarify the legal definition of a pedal cycle under the *Traffic Act*; and
- to validate specific fees previously charged and collected in relation to vehicle registration plates, where those fees were imposed in good faith.

### Key highlights of the Bill include:

#### Clarification of “pedal cycle”

The Bill amends the definition of pedal cycle by removing references to speed. This provides a clearer legal distinction between pedal cycles and other motorised vehicles, supporting consistent classification and enforcement under the *Traffic Act*.

#### Validation of registration plate fees

The Bill validates fees previously charged and collected by the Director of Licensing for the provision of single registration plates and single trade plates for motorcycles and trailers. This confirms the legality of those administrative actions and removes uncertainty surrounding past collections.

#### Protection of court decisions

The validation provisions expressly preserve the effect of any court orders already made, ensuring that judicial decisions remain unaffected by the amendments.

#### Continuity of administration

By validating past actions and clarifying statutory definitions, the Bill supports the orderly and uninterrupted administration of vehicle licensing and registration services.

#### Road safety governance context

Legislative clarity within the *Traffic Act* supports the broader objectives of the National Road Safety Strategy (NRSS), which relies on clear, enforceable laws to support consistent regulation, education, and enforcement. The National Road Safety Committee (NRSC), which oversees implementation of the NRSS, continues to emphasise the importance of a sound legislative framework as a foundation for safer road use across the Cayman Islands.



Commenting on the publication of the Bill, the Minister for Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure, Hon. Johany “Jay” Ebanks, said:

***“This Bill brings clarity where it is needed. It confirms actions taken in good faith, strengthens certainty in the Traffic Act, and supports the consistent administration of vehicle licensing and registration across the Cayman Islands.”***

Mr Eric Bush, Chief Officer for the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure and Chairman of the National Road Safety Committee, said:

***“Legislation must continue to evolve to remain effective. Clear law supports consistent enforcement. When definitions are precise and administrative processes are legally sound, the system works more effectively and road users can have confidence in how the law is applied.”***

The *Traffic (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2026* will come into force on a date to be appointed by Cabinet.

The full Bill is available at:

<https://gov.ky/w/traffic-amendment-and-validation-bill-2026-1g7-s11>

The Ministry will continue to engage with stakeholders as the Bill progresses through the legislative process.

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## **About the National Road Safety Committee (NRSC)**

The National Road Safety Committee (NRSC) oversees implementation of the Cayman Islands Government’s National Road Safety Strategy (2023–2038), which aims to reduce road fatalities and serious injuries through a coordinated, data-driven approach. Chaired by the Chief Officer for the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure, the Committee works with partner agencies including the National Roads Authority, the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, and the Department of Vehicle and Drivers’ Licensing to strengthen road safety governance and coordination.

## **About the Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (MPLAHI)**

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (MPLAHI) is responsible for advancing national priorities across planning, lands, agriculture, housing, and infrastructure in the Cayman Islands. **Mission** - To develop and implement integrated policies, programmes, and infrastructure solutions that enhance land use, strengthen food security, improve housing access, and support climate-resilient development, guided by innovation, equity, connection, and integrity. Through strategic leadership and collaboration, the Ministry works to deliver sustainable outcomes that support economic resilience, environmental stewardship, and long-term prosperity for the people of the Cayman Islands.