

Republic of Nauru – 20<sup>th</sup> Parliament

**Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2012**

**SECOND READING SPEECH**

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Mr Deputy Speaker,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to the House today a Bill for an amendment to the *Motor Traffic Act 1937*.

This is a simple Bill to enable a modern and appropriate approach to be taken to the setting of fees under that Act including fees for driver's licences. Currently, the second schedule of the Act sets out a limited range of fees. The schedule was last substituted in 1997 and consequently the fees are very much out of date.

The Bill proposes that fees be a matter for the regulations as is the usual approach these days. This will provide the government of the day with a more flexible system enabling the fees to be adjusted from time to time according to the administrative cost of the provision of the services. While regulations prescribing fees would be made by Cabinet, Parliament would still retain oversight of the system of fees by virtue of being able to disallow regulations once they have been tabled in accordance with section 17 of the Interpretation Act 2011.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the explanatory memorandum describes in detail each provision of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.