

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) No. 3 BILL 2016**

**SECOND READING SPEECH**

**Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa MP**

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to introduce to the House today a Bill for the Motor Traffic (Amendment) No. 3 Act 2016.

The proposed amendment is essentially a result of the transfer of services dealing with the issuance of compulsory third party insurance for motor vehicles to the Department of Transport. For safety reasons, one of the requirements is that motor vehicle licence plates are only issued to vehicle owners after third party insurance is issued.

Lives have been lost and property damaged as a consequence of car accidents. In the event that any vehicle causes any injury or damage to any person, third party insurance exists to pay the claims for injuries or damages sustained as a result of accidents involving motor vehicles.

Since the Department of Transport is not a company, the change from 'approved insurance company' to 'approved insurer' is more appropriate to enable the Department to provide compulsory third party insurance.

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, it is for this purpose that I table the amendment today.

Mr. Speaker, the explanatory memorandum explains this Bill in more detail.

I commend the Bill to the House.