

ACT NO. 33 OF 2021

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE
President

[30 July 2021]

AN ACT**TO AMEND THE LAND TRANSPORT ACT 1998**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Land Transport (Budget Amendment) Act 2021.
 (2) This Act comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
 (3) In this Act, the Land Transport Act 1998 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 2 amended

- 2.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by—
- (a) in the definition of “parking place” after “taxi”, inserting “rank or”;
 - (b) after the definition of “public street”, inserting the following new definition—

““rank” when used in relation to a parking place for taxis means a parking area provided by the appropriate council or highway authority for use by taxis;”;

- (c) in the definition of “stand”, deleting “parking area provided by the appropriate council or highway authority” and substituting “privately owned parking area approved by the Authority”.

Sections 24B and 24C inserted

3. The Principal Act is amended after section 24A by inserting the following new sections—

“Public Service Vehicle Levy

24B.—(1) The Public Service Vehicle Levy at a rate prescribed by regulations is to be paid by public service vehicle permit holders, except for rental permit holders.

(2) The Public Service Vehicle Levy must be paid annually before registering or renewing the registration of a public service vehicle.

(3) Notwithstanding section 24, the Public Service Vehicle Levy must be collected by the Authority and paid into the Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund established under section 24C.

Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund

24C.—(1) This section establishes a fund to be known as the Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund for the maintenance, upgrade and development of public service transport facilities, including stations, ranks, bases and stands provided by the appropriate council or highway authority.

(2) The Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund consists of—

- (a) the Public Service Vehicle Levy payable under section 24B;
- (b) all interest and other income derived from the money and investments comprising the Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund;
- (c) any money which may be appropriated by Parliament for the Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund; and
- (d) any money received by the Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund under any written law.

(3) The Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund is to be administered and managed by the permanent secretary responsible for finance.

(4) The permanent secretary responsible for finance must cause proper accounts to be kept and must, as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, cause to be prepared for that financial year a trust account statement of receipts and payments of the Public Service Vehicle Trust Fund.

(5) The permanent secretary responsible for finance must cause the trust account statement of receipts and payments to be audited by the Auditor-General.

(6) The permanent secretary responsible for finance must, as soon as practicable, send a copy of the trust account statement of receipts and payments and a copy of the Auditor-General’s report to the Minister.”.