

**N.R.C.D. 153**  
**TOLLS ACT, 1973**

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**AN ACT to provide for the payment of tolls on roads and bridges and for related matters.**

**1. Tolls on roads and bridges**

(1) The Minister may, by legislative instrument, make Regulations

- (a) declaring a road to be a toll road,
- (b) declaring a bridge to be a toll bridge,
- (c) fixing the tolls to be levied on motor vehicles using a road or bridge, and
- (d) exempting a class of motor vehicles from the payment of the tolls.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may prescribe different rates of tolls for different classes of motor vehicles.

(3) Except where a specific provision is made relating only to bridges, a reference to a road in the Regulations includes a bridge on that road.

**2. Tolls on ferries**

(1) The Minister may, by Legislative Instrument, make Regulations

- (a) declaring a ferry to be a toll ferry,
- (b) fixing the tolls to be levied on passengers, vehicles, animals or goods carried on that ferry,

and

(c) exempting a class of passengers, vehicles, animals or goods from the payment of the tolls.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may prescribe different rates of tolls for different classes of passengers, vehicles, animals or goods.

### **3. Exemption from payment of tolls**

Motor vehicles which belong to the following are exempted from the payment of tolls under this Act:

- (a) the Armed Forces,
- (b) the Police Service,
- (c) the Fire Service,
- (d) the Prisons Service,
- (e) the Diplomatic missions on reciprocal basis,
- (f) Government and mission hospitals used as ambulances, and
- (g) the Ghana Red Cross Society.<sup>2(2)</sup>

### **4. Toll house, barrier, and notice of tolls**

(1) The Minister shall cause a toll house and a gate or barrier to be erected at the approaches to a toll road, toll bridge or toll ferry.

(2) A notice board showing the prescribed tolls shall be erected at a convenient place near the gate or barrier.

### **5. Government drivers**

(1) A toll-keeper shall keep a register in which shall be entered the particulars specified in the Schedule in respect of motor vehicles owned by the Government or travelling on Government business.

(2) A toll-keeper may at any time require the driver of a motor vehicle purporting to be Government-owned or to be travelling on Government business to produce for inspection, valid evidence to show that the motor vehicle is Government-owned or travelling on Government business.

### **6. Accounts and audit**

(1) The Minister shall cause to be prepared not later than the thirtieth day of August in each year a statement showing in detail the income and expenditure incurred in the operation of toll roads, toll bridges and toll ferries in the preceding financial year.

(2) The statements shall be audited by Auditor-General and a copy of the statements so audited shall be published in the *Gazette*.

### **7. Imposition of penalty in lieu of prosecution**

(1) Where a person required to pay a toll

- (a) refuses to pay the prescribed toll, or
- (b) enters a toll road, toll bridge or toll ferry without paying the prescribed toll,

a police officer or an authorised person may levy on that person a penalty of one hundred times the prescribed toll.

(2) Where a person duly discharges the whole of the penalty levied under subsection (1), that person shall not be prosecuted for the same offence.

(3) The onus of proof of payment of the prescribed toll rests on the person who alleges that the toll has been paid.

(4) The police officer or a person authorised by the Minister in that behalf may not impose a penalty if satisfied that having regard to the seriousness of the act constituting the offence the person committing the offence ought to be prosecuted instead of a penalty levied against that person.

(5) An official receipt shall be given in respect of a payment made under this section.

(6) The penalties levied and collected under this section shall be paid into the Road Fund.<sup>3(3)</sup>

## 8. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“**hospital**” includes health clinics, health centres and health posts;

“**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for Roads and Transport;

“**motor vehicle**” means a vehicle intended or adapted for propulsion by mechanical means;

“**prescribed**” means a toll prescribed by the Minister under section 1 or 2 of this Act;

“**Regulations**” means Regulations made under this Act;

“**road**” includes a street, highway, public place or any other road to which the public have access and bridges over which a road passes.<sup>4(4)</sup>

## 9. Repeal and savings

(1) The Tolls Act, 1965 (Act 314) is hereby repealed.

(2) Until provision is otherwise made by Regulations under this Act, the road tolls and ferry tolls payable immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to be payable.

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### Schedule

[Section 5]

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name (blocked letters)</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Vehicle registration number</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Signature of person in charge of vehicle</i>
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## Endnotes

### **1 (Popup - Footnote)**

1. The Act was issued as the Tolls Decree, 1973 ([N.R.C.D. 153](#)) made on the 7th day of February, 1973 and notified in the *Gazette* on 16th February, 1973.

### **2 (Popup - Footnote)**

2. Substituted by section 1 of the Tolls (Amendment) Act, 1999 (Act 570).

### **3 (Popup - Footnote)**

3. Substituted by section 2 of the Tolls (Amendment) Act, 1999 (Act 570).

### **4 (Popup - Footnote)**

4. Amended by section 3 of the Tolls (Amendment) Act, 1999 (Act 570).