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**PART II.—LEGAL.**

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**DRAFT ORDINANCES.**

MINUTE.

The following Draft of a proposed Ordinance is published for general information:—

L. D.—CF 21/40

**An Ordinance to amend the Heavy Oil Motor Vehicles Taxation Ordinance.**

Cap. 190  
 (Vol. IV.,  
 p. 755).

BE it enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the State Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Heavy Oil Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Ordinance, No. of 1940, and shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1940.

Short title  
 and date of  
 operation.

2. The First Schedule to the Heavy Oil Motor Vehicles Taxation Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following Schedule is substituted therefor:—

Repeal of  
 First Schedule  
 to Chapter 190  
 and substitution  
 of a new  
 schedule  
 therefor.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 2).

Tax payable in respect of heavy oil motor vehicles.

Description of Vehicle.	Tax (Monthly Rate) Rs. c.
Where the tare of the heavy oil motor vehicle—	
(a) does not exceed 1 ton .. .. .	86 0
(b) exceeds 1 ton but does not exceed 1½ tons .. .. .	94 0
(c) " 1½ tons " 2 " .. .. .	102 0
(d) " 2 " " 2½ " .. .. .	110 0
(e) " 2½ " " 3 " .. .. .	118 0
(f) " 3 " " 3½ " .. .. .	125 0
(g) " 3½ " " 4 " .. .. .	141 0
(h) " 4 " " 4½ " .. .. .	157 0
(i) " 4½ " " 5 " .. .. .	172 0
(j) " 5 tons .. .. .	188 0

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of the Bill is to repeal the First Schedule to the Heavy Oil Motor Vehicles Taxation Ordinance and to substitute in its place a new Schedule containing revised rates of tax on heavy oil motor vehicles.

2. The tax on heavy oil motor vehicles was imposed in order to reimburse the Government to the extent of the amount estimated to be lost to revenue by reason of the fact that such vehicles do not use petrol but gas oil and other oil on which no import duty is paid.

3. The recent increase in the import duty on petrol has necessitated a corresponding increase in the rates of tax set out in the First Schedule to the Ordinance in order to equalise the incidence of taxation. The new rates represent an advance of 12 per centum on the existing rates, which is about the same proportionately as the corresponding increase in the import duty on petrol from 90 cents to Re. 1 per gallon.

Financial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, July 31, 1940.

C. H. COLLINS,  
Acting Financial Secretary.