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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT,
No. 14 of 1951.

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Amendment) Act, No. 43 of 1958.

Short title.

2. The Motor Traffic Act, No. 14 of 1951, is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after section 14 of that Act, of the following new section, which shall have effect as section 14A of that Act:—

Insertion of
new section
14A in Act
No. 14 of 1951.

* Power to
change the
distinctive
number of a
motor
vehicle in
certain
circumstances.

14A. (1) Where a special series of distinctive numbers is determined for the purpose of assigning, under sub-section (1) of section 9, a distinctive number to each motor vehicle the registered owner of which is a diplomat or which belongs to the government of any recognised foreign state, then, if the distinctive number of any such motor vehicle is not of such special series, the Registrar shall cancel the distinctive number of that motor vehicle and assign to it a distinctive number which is of such special series.

(2) Where a person who is not a diplomat becomes the registered owner of a motor vehicle which does not belong to the government of a recognised foreign state and to which a distinctive number of the special series referred to in sub-section (1) has been assigned, the Registrar shall cancel that distinctive number and assign to that motor vehicle a distinctive number which is not of such special series.

(3) Where a motor vehicle which belongs to the government of a recognised foreign state and the distinctive number of which is of the special series referred to in sub-section (1) ceases to belong to

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that government, the Registrar shall, unless a diplomat becomes the registered owner, or the government of any other recognised foreign state becomes the owner, of that motor vehicle, cancel that distinctive number and assign to that motor vehicle a distinctive number which is not of such special series.

(4) In this section—

“ diplomat ” means the diplomatic representative in Ceylon of the government of any other country, or any person who is a member of the diplomatic staff of such diplomatic representative and who is a citizen or subject of such other country; and

“ recognised foreign state ” means a country whose government has a diplomatic representative in Ceylon.’.