pliance with chapter 6 of this title and is in proper working order, and whether the vehicle may be safely operated upon the highway. Registration shall be granted only if the vehicle has been issued a certificate of inspection and approval by an official station licensed as provided in section 8.3(2) of this title.

2. Payment of inspection fee. Except for motorcycles, motor scooters, and trailers, whose owners are exempt from payment of the inspection fees herein prescribed, before making an inspection, the owner of the inspection station or his agent or employee shall require that the owner of the motor vehicle to be inspected produce a receipt showing payment to the Minister of Finance of the appropriate inspection fee prescribed below:

Commercial vehicles as defined in section 3.80, including
vehicles for hire $7
Private vehicles 5

3. Issuance of certificate of inspection and approval. When a vehicle within the application of this section has been inspected officially and found to comply with the provisions of chapter 6 of this title and to be safely operable upon the highway, an official certificate of inspection and approval shall be issued upon an official form. Such certificate shall then be forwarded to the Minister. The inspection station shall also issue to the owner of the vehicle a certificate of approval which shall be kept attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous location.

Prior legislation: L. 1977, Act adopting a new Revenue and Finance Law, §1(36:12.42(3)(b)); L. 1972-73, Act to amend the Revenue and Finance Law with respect to license taxes, etc., §7(35:380); L. 1971-72, Act adopting a new Vehicle and Traffic Law, §1(38:8.1); L. 1961-62, ch. XXI(35:380); 1957-58 Supp. 37:800, 801, 802, 804(1), (4), 805, 810; L. 1956-57, ch. XXXIV, art. XXX, §23(1st)(c); §26(2nd)(b), (c),(d); §27; §30(b),(c); art. XXXI, §11(a); art. XXXV, §2, 3(b).

§8.2. Inspection on demand of police officer.

1. Authority to stop vehicle and require inspection. Any member of the National Police Force and any officer or employee specially designated by the Minister, when a vehicle has been involved in a traffic accident or a moving violation of this title or if he has reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or is not equipped as required by chapter 6 of this title or that its equipment, particularly its
brakes, is not in proper repair or adjustment, may require the operator of such vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle to an inspection and such tests with reference thereto as may be appropriate.

2. **Duty to issue notice to appear.** If the inspection made under the authority of paragraph 1 of this section discloses that the vehicle is not in safe condition or lacks required equipment or has equipment not in proper adjustment or repair, the officer shall issue to the operator a notice to appear on a charge of violating section 6.1 or section 10.5 of this title. The notice to appear shall conform to the requirements of the Criminal Procedure Law.

3. **Defective vehicle to be corrected.** If the inspection made under the authority of paragraph 1 of this section discloses that the vehicle is not in safe condition or lacks required equipment or has equipment not in proper adjustment or repair, the vehicle shall not be operated upon the highway, except the distance to the nearest repair shop, until such repairs have been made as will render it in safe condition and in compliance with chapter 6 of this title.


§8.3. Official inspection stations.

1. **Stations established by Minister.** The Minister may establish permanent or temporary stations where inspection will be made by the Director of Motor Vehicles, in cooperation with the National Police Force. The Minister shall provide them with such movable or stationary equipment as he shall deem suitable.

2. **Stations created by license.** The Minister is authorized to license official inspection stations operated by private persons. Such a license shall be issued only after appropriate inquiry and investigation and only when the Minister is satisfied that the station is properly equipped and has competent personnel to make the required inspections, and that the applicant complies with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

3. **Licenses nontransferable; posting required.** No license to a private person to operate an inspection station shall be assigned or transferred or used at any location other than that therein designated; every such license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the designated location.
4. Publicizing information. The Minister shall publicize the location of all official inspection stations and the times during which inspections are made and certificates granted.

5. Regulation of stations. The Minister shall properly supervise all official inspection stations, causing inspections thereof to be made at any reasonable time without notice. He shall revoke and require the surrender of the license issued to any station which he finds is not properly equipped or conducted. He shall maintain and post at the Ministry of Justice lists of every station which holds a license and every station which has had its license revoked.


§8.4. False inspections and fraudulent certificates forbidden.

1. Only official stations to inspect. Only official inspection stations may make inspections required by this chapter and issue valid certificates of inspection and approval.

2. Misrepresentation of place as official station. No person shall in any manner represent any place as an official inspection station unless such station is authorized to act as such under the provisions of section 8.3 of this title.

3. Issuance or display of fraudulent certificates. No person shall issue or knowingly display or cause to be displayed upon any vehicle any counterfeit certificate of inspection and approval or, unless the vehicle for which it was issued has in fact been inspected and found to be in compliance with law, any genuine certificate.

4. Penalty. A person who violates a provision of this section is subject to a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months.


Chapter 9. ACCIDENTS

§9.2. Responsibility of occupants of vehicle.

1. General requirements. The operator of a vehicle which is involved in an accident shall stop his vehicle at the scene of the accident and carry out the duties prescribed by the other provisions of this section. If the police are present, he shall remain at the scene until authorized by them to leave. He shall not disturb or interfere with any evidence of the cause of the accident or the actions or conduct of the persons involved. He shall take every precaution not to obstruct the flow of traffic more than necessary.

2. Injury to a person. If the accident results in injury to a person, the operator shall call the police as soon as possible, and he shall also call a doctor or an ambulance, as the injury requires. He shall render such first aid to the injured person as he is able and make him comfortable until medical assistance arrives. If the accident results in death, the operator shall call an ambulance.

3. Damage to vehicles. When an accident results in no personal injury but causes damage only to the vehicles involved in the accident, the operators may exchange names, addresses, and operators’ license numbers and leave the scene of the accident without calling the police; but the operator of any of the vehicles involved may call the police if he so desires, and in such case all operators shall remain at the scene of the accident until authorized to leave by the police.

4. Unattended vehicle. The operator of a vehicle involved in a collision with an unattended vehicle shall immediately stop at the scene of the accident and (a) locate and notify the owner or operator of the damaged vehicle concerning the accident, (b) determine the name and address of the owner or operator of the unattended vehicle, or (c) leave in a conspicuous place in or on the damaged vehicle a written note, notifying him of the circumstances of the accident. In any case,
the notification shall state the name, address, and license number of the operator, and also his vehicle registration number.

5. Damage to property other than vehicle. The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to real or personal property other than another vehicle shall take all reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner thereof, informing him of the circumstances of the accident and giving him his name, address, operator's license number, and vehicle registration number. If the vehicle has struck and injured any domestic animal, the operator shall endeavor to locate its owner or custodian or a policeman or peace officer of the vicinity and take any other reasonable and appropriate action so that the animal may have necessary attention.

6. Report to police. The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident in which damage to property of any person, including himself, in excess of $100 is sustained, shall report such accident to the police within 24 hours of its occurrence.

7. Penalty. A person who fails to comply with the requirements of this section is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year; and in addition to being sentenced for that offense, may have his license to operate motor vehicles suspended or revoked.


§9.2. Responsibility of occupants of vehicle.

If the operator of a vehicle involved in an accident is physically unable to comply with the provisions of section 9.1 of this title, every occupant of the vehicle who is able to do so shall see that the requirements of that section are satisfied. Any such occupant who fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2 of section 9.1 is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year. Any such occupant who fails to comply with the other provisions of section 9.1 of this title is guilty of an infraction and may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than $100.

§9.3. Responsibility of owner.

If the operator of a vehicle involved in an accident is not the owner thereof, and if he is physically unable to comply with the provisions of section 9.1 of this title, and if no occupants of the vehicle are physically able to comply with the provisions of section 9.2 of this title, the owner of such vehicle shall, within 24 hours after learning of the accident, report thereon to the police, stating all the details which are known to him; provided, however, that the owner shall not be required to make such report if a report has been made by a public officer summoned to the scene of the accident. A person who fails to comply with the provisions of this section is guilty of an infraction and may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than $100. In addition, the registration of the vehicle involved in the accident may be suspended or revoked.


§9.4. Duty of police officer.

When a police officer is present at, or is called, to the scene of a traffic accident, he shall investigate the causes thereof and prefer charges against any person who has violated the law; and in case of death resulting therefrom, he shall summon the coroner to hold an inquest. The police officer shall prepare and submit to the Minister a report on the accident with a diagram thereof, the names and addresses of all witnesses thereto, and a list of persons arrested or to whom notices to appear were issued and the charges preferred against them.


§9.5. Calling of coroner.

Whenever a traffic accident results in death, it shall be the duty of the police officer who investigates the accident or, if there is no police officer present, of the operators of each of the vehicles involved or, if there is no police officer and the operators of the vehicles are physically
unable to do so, then of every occupant of the vehicle involved, to cause the body of the deceased to be taken to the nearest hospital where a coroner's inquest shall be held; or, if there is no hospital within a reasonable distance of the scene of the accident, it shall be the duty of the persons above named to summon or cause to be summoned to the scene of the accident the local coroner or his representative, who shall there hold an inquest to determine the cause of the death. A violation of this section by a person not a police officer is an infraction for which he may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than $100.


§9.6. Reports by garages and repair shops.

The owner, or in his absence the manager, of any garage or vehicle repair shop shall immediately report to the police the license-plate number, registration number, and the make and description of any vehicle brought into his garage or shop which is reported to have been or shows evidence of having been involved in a traffic accident or struck by a bullet or which has blood stains on it; and he shall also report the name and address of the person who brought such vehicle to the garage or shop. For failure to comply with the provisions of this section the owner or manager is subject to a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months; and in addition to being sentenced for that offense, his business license may be suspended or revoked.


§9.7. Accident reports to be confidential.

All accident reports made by persons involved in accidents or by garage or repair-shop owners or managers shall be without prejudice to the person making the report. Such reports shall be for the confidential use of the Minister in prosecuting offenses and for statistical purposes. The Minister may, however, disclose the identity of any person who has made an accident report and cause such person to testify in a criminal prosecution if the operator or owner of the vehicle denies