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SUBJECT: **Amended Set Fine Order s. 7 (1) (a) and (c) of the Highway Traffic Act**

I am sharing a communication on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation regarding the set fine increase for section 7 (1) (a) and (c) of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) where no person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless, there exists a currently validated permit for the vehicle, there is no validation on the plate or validation is improperly affixed.

Effective July 1, 2024, section 7 of the HTA has been amended to change that section's fine structure.

Clause 7 (1) (a) of the HTA is no longer a general penalty offence because subsections 7 (3.1) and (3.2) have been added to section 7 of the Act. The new penalty provisions state:

(3.1) Every person who contravenes clause (1) (a) is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000.

(3.2) Despite subsection (3.1), every person who contravenes clause (1) (a) is guilty of an offence and, if the offence was committed by means of a commercial motor vehicle, on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,500.

In 2022, clause 7 (1) (c) of the HTA was amended and revoked subclauses (i) and (ii). Subclauses (i) and (ii) no longer exist.

New short form wordings have recently been made for some parts of section 7, and these are reflected in the set fine order. Attached is an order for the new set fines in effect as of July 1, 2024.

The Highway Traffic Act

Item	Offence	Section	Set Fine
1.	Drive motor vehicle, no permit	7(1)(a)	\$125.00
1.1	Drive motor vehicle, no permit — commercial motor vehicle	7(1)(a)	\$400.00
2.	Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit	7(1)(a)	\$125.00
2.1	Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit — commercial motor vehicle	7(1)(a)	\$400.00
6.	Drive motor vehicle, no validation on plate	7(1)(c)	\$85.00
7.	Drive motor vehicle, validation improperly affixed	7(1)(c)	\$85.00

Please contact **Frank Iannuzzi, Manager, Vehicle Program Development Office** at Frank.Iannuzzi@ontario.ca with any further questions you may have.

Thank you for your assistance.



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