



PARLIAMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

SENATE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

TOLL-GATES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

REPORT NO: 19

SEPTEMBER 2026

PART I

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Toll- Gate (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 were tabled before the House on Wednesday 9th April 2026. Pursuant to Standing Order 51 (3), the Regulations were then referred to the Legislation Committee for consideration.

The report presents a summary of the Committees deliberations and recommendations on the Regulations.

1.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Legislation Committee are provided as follows in Standing Orders (90):

- (1) There shall be established under this Standing Order a Legislation Committee which shall continue for the term of the Senate.
- (2) The Legislation Committee shall, in accordance with these Standing Orders:-
 - (a) Consider bills, subordinate laws tabled in accordance with section 27A of the Interpretation Act No. 19 of 1977 as amended, or other matters which are referred to it by the President or by resolution of the Senate;
 - (b) Consider and investigate the constitutionality, legality, conflicting provisions and offensiveness of bills or subordinate laws or any provision thereof; and

(c) Perform other functions, tasks and duties as may be resolved by the Senate.

(3) The Legislation Committee may:-

(a) Call for papers, hear oral evidence, which may, by resolution of the committee, be recorded and transcribed;

(b) Consult and liaise with Government ministries and departments;

(c) Ensure the attendance of any person at a meeting of the committee in terms of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act of 1994; and

(d) Establish sub-committees

(4) Upon conclusion of business laid down for their consideration, the legislation Committee must adopt a report and may make recommendations to the Senate which shall then take final decisions.

2.0 COMPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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| 1. | Hon. Senator S. Motsamai | Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Senator K.L.K. Theko | |
| 3. | Hon. Senator B.G. Api | |
| 4. | Hon. Senator M. Kanetsi | |
| 5. | Hon. Senator Dr. T. Lebese | |
| 6. | Hon. Senator L.M. Seeiso | |
| 7. | Hon. Senator M.M. Moshoeshoe | |

8. Hon. Senator T. D. Bereng
9. Hon. Senator P.L.P. Peete
10. Hon. Senator S.B. Seeiso
11. Hon. Senator L. Khoaele
12. Hon. Senator M.T Mohale
13. Hon. Senator J.A. Motsoene
14. Hon. Senator S.S. Nkuebe

3.0 SECRETARIAT

Ms. 'Maliako Lehloenya	Committee Clerk
Mr. Steven Mokoago	Committee Clerk
Mrs 'Maseephephe Matete	Chief Legal Officer
Mr. T'seliso Papiso (Adv)	Legal Officer

4.0 OPERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee reviews the Bills received from the National Assembly in line Standing Order 51 and Subordinate laws referred in accordance with Section 27B of the Interpretation (Amendment) Act 1994 No. 4 of 1993.

PART II

5.0 STAKEHOLDERS SUBMISSIONS

On Wednesday, 18th May 2026, the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning together with the Road Fund Lesotho appeared before the

Committee to provide a brief on the subordinate law

The Ministry informed the Committee that Regulation 3 of the Toll-Gate Regulations, 2001 is amended by deleting sub regulation (1) and replacing it with a new sub regulation prescribing revised toll-gate charges for vehicles entering Lesotho. The Ministry explained that the proposed amendment introduces different rates for Lesotho-registered vehicles and foreign-registered vehicles according to their categories and sizes.

Under the proposed amendment, Lesotho-registered motorcycles and light vehicles shall pay a toll fee of M70, while foreign-registered motorcycles and light vehicles shall pay M120. Lesotho-registered medium heavy vehicles shall pay M125, whereas foreign-registered medium heavy vehicles shall pay M200. In addition, Lesotho-registered large vehicles shall pay M185 and foreign-registered large vehicles shall pay M400. Lesotho-registered extra-large heavy vehicles shall pay M440, while foreign-registered extra-large heavy vehicles shall pay M800.

The Ministry further informed the Committee that the proposed amendment seeks to increase revenue collection in order to improve and maintain national infrastructure, particularly roads. The Ministry stated that the adjustment of toll-gate charges is also intended to align with inflation and strengthen Government's capacity to finance road construction, rehabilitation and maintenance projects across the country.

Part III

6.0 OBSERVATIONS

The Committee raised concern on the slow service delivery at border gates, particularly at the Maseru Border Gate, where only one service point is reportedly being utilized instead of the three available service points for the payment of border-gate fees.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Regulations be approved and come into operation.

8.0 CONCLUSION

Subject to Standing Order 52 (3), the Legislation Committee wishes to submit Report for the adoption by the House.