



Disabled Persons Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 43

Highways and road traffic

1 Needs of the disabled and blind.

- (1) The following section shall be inserted after section 175 of the ^{M1}Highways Act 1980 and section 27 of the ^{M2}Roads (Scotland) Act 1970, as section 175A of the former and section 27A of the latter—

Duty to have regard to needs of disabled and blind in executing works, etc.

- (1) In executing works in a street which may impede the mobility of disabled persons or blind persons highway authorities, local authorities and any other person exercising a statutory power to execute works on a highway shall have regard to the needs of such persons.
 - (2) Any such authority or person as is mentioned in subsection (1) above shall have regard to the needs of disabled persons and blind persons when placing lamp-posts, bollards, traffic-signs, apparatus or other permanent obstructions in a street.
 - (3) Highway authorities shall have regard to the needs of disabled persons when considering the desirability of providing ramps at appropriate places between carriageways and footways.
 - (4) In executing in a street any such works as are mentioned in subsection (1) above, any such authority or person as is mentioned in that subsection shall have regard to the need of blind persons to have any openings, whether temporary or permanent, in the street, properly protected.
 - (5) Section 28 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (power to define certain expressions for the purposes of provisions of that Act) shall have effect as if any reference in it to a provision of that Act included a reference to this section.”
- (2) The following paragraph shall be inserted in subsection (1) of section 50 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1970, after the definition of “ statutory undertakers”—

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““street” , for the purposes of section 27A of this Act, means a road or a footpath;”

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** The text of ss. 1, 4, 5, 6(1)–(5) and 7 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1980 c. 66.
M2 1970 c. 20.

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