



Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART VI

THIRD-PARTY LIABILITIES

Compulsory insurance or security against third-party risks

144 Exceptions from requirement of third-party insurance or security.

(1) Section 143 of this Act does not apply to a vehicle owned by a person who has deposited and keeps deposited with the Accountant General of the Supreme Court the sum of [^{F1}£500,000], at a time when the vehicle is being driven under the owner's control.

[^{F2}(1A) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument substitute a greater sum for the sum for the time being specified in subsection (1) above.

(1B) No order shall be made under subsection (1A) above unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.]

(2) Section 143 does not apply—

(a) to a vehicle owned—

(i) by the council of a county or county district in England and Wales [^{F3}the Broads Authority], the Common Council of the City of London, the council of a London borough [^{F4} a National Park authority], the Inner London Education Authority [^{F5}the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority,], or a joint authority (other than a police authority) established by Part IV of the ^{M1}Local Government Act 1985,

(ii) by a [^{F6}council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 in Scotland, or]

(iii) by a joint board or committee in England or Wales, or joint committee in Scotland, which is so constituted as to include among its members representatives of any such council,

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- at a time when the vehicle is being driven under the owner's control,
- (b) to a vehicle owned by a police authority [^{F7}or the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police district], at a time when it is being driven under the owner's control, or to a vehicle at a time when it is being driven for police purposes by or under the direction of a constable, or by a person employed by a police authority, ^{F7} . . . , or
- (ba) ^{F8}
- (c) to a vehicle at a time when it is being driven on a journey to or from any place undertaken for salvage purposes pursuant to Part IX of the [^{F9}Merchant Shipping Act 1995],
- (d) to the use of a vehicle for the purpose of its being provided in pursuance of a direction under section 166(2)(b) of the ^{M2}Army Act 1955 or under the corresponding provision of the ^{M3}Air Force Act 1955,
- [^{F10}(da) to a vehicle owned by a health service body, as defined in section 60(7) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 [^{F11}by a Primary Care Trust established under [^{F12}section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006]] [^{F13}, by a Local Health Board established under [^{F14}section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006]] [^{F15}or by the [^{F16}Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection]], at a time when the vehicle is being driven under the owner's control.
- (db) to an ambulance owned by a National Health Service trust established under [^{F17}section 25 of the National Health Service Act 2006, section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006] or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, at a time when a vehicle is being driven under the owner's control]
- [^{F18}(dc) to an ambulance owned by an NHS foundation trust, at a time when the vehicle is being driven under the owner's control,]
- (e) to a vehicle which is made available by the Secretary of State [^{F19}or the Welsh Ministers] to any person, body or local authority in pursuance of [^{F20}section 12 or 80 of the National Health Service Act 2006, or section 10 or 38 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006,] at a time when it is being used in accordance with the terms on which it is so made available,
- (f) to a vehicle which is made available by the Secretary of State to any local authority, education authority or voluntary organisation in Scotland in pursuance of section 15 or 16 of the ^{M4}National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 at a time when it is being used in accordance with the terms on which it is so made available.
- [^{F21}(g) to a vehicle owned by the Commission for Social Care Inspection, at a time when the vehicle is being driven under the owner's control]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 144(1) substituted (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:1), s. 20(2); S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.
- F2** S. 144(1A)(1B) inserted (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:1), s. 20(3); S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.
- F3** Words inserted (E.W) by Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4, SIF 81:1), ss. 21, 23(2), Sch. 6 para. 9 (as amended by Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c. 54, SIF 107:1), s. 4, Sch. 3 para. 36)
- F4** Words in s. 144(2)(a)(i) inserted (23.11.1995) by 1995 c. 25, S. 78, Sch. 10, para.29 (with ss. 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7); S.I. 1995/2950, art. 2

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- F5** Words in s. 144(2)(a)(i) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 328(8), **Sch. 29 Pt. I para. 54** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1094, **art. 4(h)**
- F6** Words in s. 144(2)(a)(ii) substituted (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 159(8)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4**
- F7** Words in s. 144(2)(b) repealed (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, ss. 325, 423, Sch. 27 para. 61, **Sch. 34 Pt. VII** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, Sch.
- F8** S. 144(2)(ba) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), ss. 59, 174(2), 178, Sch. 4 para. 54, **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, **art. 4(1)**, Sch. paras. 10, 13 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- F9** Words in s. 144(2)(c) substituted (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, **ss. 314(2)**, 316(2) Sch. 13 para. 85 (with s. 312(1))
- F10** S. 144(2)(da)(db) inserted (1.4.1991) by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), s. 60, **Sch. 8 Pt. 1 para. 4**
- F11** Words in s. 144(2)(da) inserted (8.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/90, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 23**
- F12** Words in s. 144(2)(da) substituted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 5, 8(2), **Sch. 1 para. 122(a)(i)** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F13** Words in s. 144(2)(da) inserted (10.10.2002 for W. and 1.3.2007 otherwise) by 2002 c. 17, ss. 6(2), 42(3), Sch. 5 para. 29; S.I. 2002/2532, art. 2, Sch.; S.I. 2006/1407, art. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 12(c)** (with art. 4)
- F14** Words in s. 144(2)(da) substituted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 5, 8(2), **Sch. 1 para. 122(a)(ii)** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F15** Words in s. 144(2)(da) inserted (E.W.) (1.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2795, **art. 4**
- F16** Words in s. 144(2)(da) substituted (11.11.2004) by The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection and Commission for Social Care Inspection) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2987), **art. 2(1)(f)(i)**
- F17** Words in s. 144(2)(db) substituted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 5, 8(2), **Sch. 1 para. 122(b)** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F18** S. 144(2)(dc) inserted (E.W.) (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 34, 199, **Sch. 4 para. 74**; S.I. 2004/759, **art. 2**
- F19** Words in s. 144(2)(e) inserted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 5, 8(2), **Sch. 1 para. 122(c)(i)** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F20** Words in s. 144(2)(e) substituted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 5, 8(2), **Sch. 1 para. 122(c)(ii)** (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F21** S. 144(2)(g) added (11.11.2004) by The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection and Commission for Social Care Inspection) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2987), **art. 2(1)(f)(ii)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 144 excluded (23.6.1999) by S.I. 1999/1736, **art. 8(1)(b)(2)(b)**
- C2** S. 144(2)(a) extended by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1) s. 57(7), Sch. 13 para. 20 (as amended by Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c. 54, SIF 107:1), s. 4, **Sch. 3 para. 30**)
S. 144(2)(a) amended (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/401, art. 18, **Sch. para. 6**
- C3** S. 144(2)(d) extended (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, s. 39, **Sch. 13 para. 25(d)**

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- M1** 1985 c. 51.
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