

**2020 No. 336**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Made - - - - 16th December 2020*

*Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 59(1) of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996<sup>(b)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

In accordance with Article 91(1) of that Order the Department has consulted with such representative organisations as it thinks fit.

**Citation, commencement and application**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on the day on which the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020<sup>(d)</sup> comes into operation.

(2) This Order applies in relation to fixed penalty offences alleged to have been committed on or after the date on which this Order comes into operation.

**Amendment of the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007**

**2.** In the table in Schedule 1 (fixed penalties) to the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007<sup>(e)</sup>, after item 5 insert—

“5A	A fixed penalty offence under Article 56A(b) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 <sup>(f)</sup>	£200”
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(a) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; *see* section 1(6) and (11) of, and schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment is dissolved

(b) S.I. 1996/1320 (N.I. 10), Article 59 was amended by Article 22 of S.I. 2007/916 (N.I. 10)

(c) *See* Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No.76)

(d) S.R. 2020 No. 334

(e) S.R. 2007 No. 319; the Schedule was substituted and renumbered as Schedule 1 by Article 2(5) of S.R. 2011 No. 288 and further amended by S.R. 2013 No. 6, S.R. 2013 No. 197, S.R. 2014 No. 232, and S.R. 2016 No. 182

(f) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 16th December 2020



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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007 No. 319) to increase the fixed penalty amount for an offence under Article 56A(b) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (“the 1995 Order”) from £60 to £200.

Article 56A(b) of the 1995 Order relates to the offence of driving or supervising the driving of a motor vehicle while using a hand held mobile telephone, or other hand held interactive communication device or causing or permitting the driving of a motor vehicle by another person using such a telephone or other device.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available from Safe and Accessible Travel Division, Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast, BT2 8GB or online alongside this Order at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>

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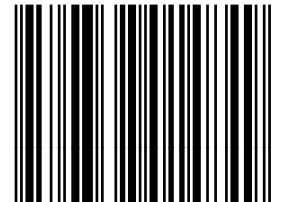
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