



# Transport Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 34

### PART I

#### PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

##### *Preliminary*

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- (1) The purposes for which this Part is enacted include—
- (a) redefining and reclassifying public service vehicles;
  - (b) abolishing road service licences for express carriages as redefined;
  - (c) making it easier for applicants to obtain road service licences, and restricting the power to attach thereto conditions as to fares;
  - (d) providing for the designation of areas as trial areas in which road service licences are not required for stage carriage services;
  - (e) making new provision for securing the fitness of public service vehicles;
  - (f) substituting a system of public service vehicle operators' licences for the system of public service vehicle licences; and
  - (g) providing an appeal against a refusal by the London Transport Executive to enter into an agreement with a person other than the Executive for the provision of a London bus service ;

and accordingly the provisions mentioned in subsection (2) (which, except so far as they are re-enacted with or without alteration in this Part, are no longer required) shall cease to have effect.

- (2) Those provisions are—
- (a) in the Road Traffic Act 1960—
    - (i) sections 117 and 118 and Schedule 12 (classification of public service vehicles);
    - (ii) sections 127, 129 and 132 to 133A (licensing and fitness of public service vehicles); and

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (iii) sections 134 to 140 (road service licences);
  - (b) section 30 of the Transport Act 1968 (permits for certain bus services in lieu of road service licences).
- (3) This Part and the 1960 Act shall be construed and have effect as if this Part (except so far as it textually amends any enactment) were contained in Part III of that Act; and section 44 of this Act shall apply for the interpretation of the said Part III as well as for the interpretation of this Part.
- (4) Without prejudice to subsection (3), any reference to, or to Part III of, the 1960 Act in any statutory provision not contained in this Part or the 1960 Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as including a reference to this Part.