



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

CHAPTER 14

PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT 1981

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- 9 For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 6 above no...

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- 1 The Secretary of State may remove a traffic commissioner from...
- 2 If a traffic commissioner acquires a financial interest in a...

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- 7 Subject to the approval of the Treasury, the Secretary of...

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- 5 (1) Where the holder of a PSV operator's licence relies...
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- 8 (1) Paragraphs 9 and 10 below apply only to persons...
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- 1 In section 4(4) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act...

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Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and Queue Barriers) (Scotland) Act 1958 (c. 50)

2 In section 7(1) of the Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and...

Finance Act 1965 (c. 25)

3 In section 92 of the Finance Act 1965, in the...
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Transport Act 1968 (c. 73)

9 In section 59(1) of the Transport Act 1968 for the...
10 In section 159(1) of that Act— (a) in the definition...

Transport (London) Act 1969 (c. 35)

11 In section 23 of the Transport (London) Act 1969—
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Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act 1972 (c. 27)

16 In section 4(2)(b) of the Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act...
17 In section 7(1) of that Act— (a)
18 In Schedule 1 to that Act for the words “Section...

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c. 57)

19 In section 63(3)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions)
Act...
20 In section 80(1) of that Act, in the definition of...

Energy Act 1976 (c. 76)

21 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Energy Act...
22 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to that Act for...

Transport Act 1978 (c. 55)

23 In section 1(2)(a) of the Transport Act 1978 for the...
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SCHEDULE 8 — Repeals

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