



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Provisions relating to offences and legal proceedings

68 Defences available to persons charged with certain offences.

- (1) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under any of the provisions of this Act mentioned in subsection (2) below to prove that there was a reasonable excuse for the act or omission in respect of which he is charged.
- (2) The provisions referred to in subsection (1) above are—
 - (a) sections 19(5), 20(4), 24(2) and (3), 25(3), 26(2), . . . ^{F1}, 67 and 70(3); [^{F2}and]
 - [^{F3}(b) so much of section 22(9) as relates to contravention of section 22(1)(a).]
- (3) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under any of the provisions of this Act mentioned in subsection (4) below to prove that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of any offence under that provision.
- (4) The provisions referred to in subsection (3) above are—
 - (a) sections 6(2), 9(9)(b), 12(5), 16(7), 18(4), 26(2), [^{F4}and 27(2)]; [^{F5}and]
 - [^{F6}(b) so much of section 22(9) as relates to contravention of section 22(1)(b).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** “33(7), 40(6)” repealed by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), s. 139(3), [Sch. 8](#)
- F2** Word repealed (1.4.1991) by [Road Traffic \(Driver Licensing and Information Systems\) Act 1989 \(c. 22, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 16, [Sch. 6](#)
- F3** [S. 68\(2\)\(b\)](#) repealed (1.4.1991) by [Road Traffic \(Driver Licensing and Information Systems\) Act 1989 \(c. 22, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 16, [Sch. 6](#)
- F4** Words substituted by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), s. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 11](#)

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- F5** Word repealed (1.4.1991) by Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c. 22, SIF 107:1), s. 16, **Sch. 6**
- F6** S. 68(4)(b) repealed (1.4.1991) by Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c. 22, SIF 107:1), s. 16, **Sch. 6**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 68(3) extended by Transport Act 1985 (c. 67, SIF 126), s. 127(4)

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