



Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Stopping on verges, etc., or in dangerous positions, etc.

19 Prohibition of parking of HGVs on verges, central reservations and footways.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a person who parks a heavy commercial vehicle (as defined in section 20 of this Act) wholly or partly—
 - (a) on the verge of a road, or
 - (b) on any land situated between two carriageways and which is not a footway, or
 - (c) on a footway,is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person shall not be convicted of an offence under this section in respect of a vehicle if he proves to the satisfaction of the court—
 - (a) that it was parked in accordance with permission given by a constable in uniform, or
 - (b) that it was parked in contravention of this section for the purpose of saving life or extinguishing fire or meeting any other like emergency, or
 - (c) that it was parked in contravention of this section but the conditions specified in subsection (3) below were satisfied.
- (3) The conditions mentioned in subsection (2)(c) above are—
 - (a) that the vehicle was parked on the verge of a road or on a footway for the purpose of loading or unloading, and
 - (b) that the loading or unloading of the vehicle could not have been satisfactorily performed if it had not been parked on the footway or verge, and
 - (c) that the vehicle was not left unattended at any time while it was so parked.

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(4) In this section “carriageway” and “footway”, in relation to England and Wales, have the same meanings as in the ^{M1}Highways Act 1980.

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