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Road Safety Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 49

Speeding

PROSPECTIVE

19 Exemptions from speed limits

For section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27) (exemption of fire, ambulance and police vehicles from speed limits) substitute—

“87 Exemptions from speed limits

- (1) No statutory provision imposing a speed limit on motor vehicles shall apply to any vehicle on an occasion when—
 - (a) it is being used for fire and rescue authority purposes or for or in connection with the exercise of any function of a relevant authority as defined in section 6 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, for ambulance purposes or for police or Serious Organised Crime Agency purposes,
 - (b) it is being used for other prescribed purposes in such circumstances as may be prescribed, or
 - (c) it is being used for training persons to drive vehicles for use for any of the purposes mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) above,if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.
- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply unless the vehicle is being driven by a person who—
 - (a) has satisfactorily completed a course of training in the driving of vehicles at high speed provided in accordance with regulations under this section, or
 - (b) is driving the vehicle as part of such a course.

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- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about courses of training in the driving of vehicles at high speed.
- (4) The regulations may include—
 - (a) provision about the nature of courses,
 - (b) provision for the approval by the Secretary of State of persons providing courses or giving instruction on courses and the withdrawal of approvals (including provision for appeals against refusal and withdrawal of approvals),
 - (c) provision specifying the maximum fees that a person may be required to pay for a course,
 - (d) provision for the training or assessment, or the supervision of the training or assessment, of persons providing courses or giving instruction on courses,
 - (e) provision for the evidencing of the successful completion of courses,
 - (f) provision authorising the Secretary of State to make available information about persons providing courses or giving instruction on courses, and
 - (g) provision treating courses of training in the driving of vehicles at high speed which have been completed before the coming into force of the regulations as if they had been provided in accordance with the regulations.
- (5) The regulations may include provision for the charging of reasonable fees in respect of any function conferred or imposed on the Secretary of State by the regulations.
- (6) The regulations may make different provision—
 - (a) for different classes of vehicle,
 - (b) for different descriptions of persons, or
 - (c) otherwise for different circumstances.”

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 6 para. 8A inserted by [2016 c. 16 s. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 10A inserted by [2016 c. 16 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 13(9) inserted by [2016 c. 16 s. 4\(5\)](#)