

# EQUALITY ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 12: Disabled Persons: Transport**

##### *Chapter 1: Taxis, etc.*

##### *Section 166: Passengers in wheelchairs: exemption certificates*

#### **Effect**

539. The Secretary of State may make regulations which allow a licensing authority to exempt a driver from the duties contained in section 165 if it is satisfied that the driver cannot provide assistance due to a medical or physical condition.
540. The exemption certificate must be displayed in the vehicle.

#### **Background**

541. This section has its basis in section 36 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, but it extends further, as described in relation to section 165 above.

#### **Example**

- A driver is not required to provide physical assistance to help a passenger in a wheelchair into and out of a vehicle if he is medically unfit to do so.