
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 276

The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

PART V

TRAFFIC SIGNS

Unauthorised signs

34.—(1) Any person who, not being a person authorised to do so by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or otherwise, places or causes to be placed on or near a road—

- (a) any traffic sign; or
- (b) any sign purporting to be, or intended to simulate, a traffic sign,

is guilty of an offence.

(2) A constable who has reasonable cause to believe that a person has committed an offence under paragraph (1) may require that person to remove the sign in respect of which the offence was committed and, if that person refuses or fails to do so, the constable may himself remove it or authorise any other person to remove it.

(3) Any expenses reasonably incurred by a constable in connection with the removal of any sign under paragraph (2) shall be recoverable summarily as a civil debt due to the Police Authority by the person required to remove the sign under that paragraph.

(4) Any person who intentionally obstructs or impedes, or assists another person to obstruct or impede, the removal of a sign under this Article or Article 35 is guilty of an offence.