Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 31(9)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1991, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No.

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) (Termination of Restrictions) Order 1999

Made - - - - 1999

Coming into force - - 31st December 1999

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1991(1), hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) (Termination of Restrictions) Order 1999 and shall come into force on 31st December 1999.

Termination of experimental period restrictions

2. The restriction imposed by section 31(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991(2) (which specifies the time after which no orders may be made by a court under section 34A of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988(3)) shall not take effect and for the purposes of subsection (3) of that section the experimental period ends on 31st December 1999.

^{(1) 1991} c. 40.

⁽²⁾ By virtue of the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) Order 1997 (S.I.1997/949) the time specified in subsection (1) was amended to the end of 1999.

^{(3) 1988} c. 53. Section 34A was inserted by section 30 of the 1991 Act.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 34A of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (which was inserted by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 1991) empowers a court to make an order requiring a person who has been convicted of a drink-drive offence to attend a rehabilitation course. Section 31(1) of the 1991 Act, as subsequently modified by order, restricts the exercise of this power to an experimental period terminating at the end of 1999, and during that period to the trial of certain offences in designated courts, unless those restrictions are removed by an order made under subsection (2). This Order removes the restrictions.