

Shard Bridge Act 1991

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4 Failure to pay tolls

- (1) If any person refuses or neglects to pay any toll or part thereof lawfully due from him, the persons appointed to receive tolls may refuse to permit the person so in default to pass through or by any toll-gate or other place at which such toll should be paid and may stop and prevent the person so in default from passing through or by the same.
- (2) A person who—
 - (a) passes through or by any toll-gate or other place at which any toll should be paid or otherwise passes over or onto the bridge, in either case with intent to avoid paying any toll lawfully due from him; or
 - (b) operates or attempts to operate a machine provided by the Company for the collection of tolls by the insertion of objects other than current coins of the realm of the appropriate denomination or tokens authorised by the Company to be used for the payment of such tolls; or
 - (c) otherwise interferes with such a machine as is mentioned in paragraph (b) above with the intention of dishonestly obtaining for himself a pecuniary advantage; or
 - (d) intentionally obstructs a person appointed to receive tolls acting in the execution of his duty;

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

- (3) Where the driver of a vehicle is alleged to be guilty of an offence under subsection (2) above—
 - (a) the person keeping the vehicle shall give such information as to the identity of the driver as he may be required in writing to give by or on behalf of a police officer or a person appointed to receive tolls; and
 - (b) any other person shall if so required give any information which it is in his power to give and may lead to the identification of the driver.
- (4) (a) A person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with the requirement of subsection (3)(a) above shall be guilty of an offence unless he shows to the satisfaction of the court that he did not know and could not with reasonable

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- diligence have ascertained who the driver of the vehicle was; and a person who fails to comply with the requirement of subsection (3)(b) above shall be guilty of an offence.
- (b) A person guilty of an offence under this subsection shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.