



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Traffic Areas and Traffic commissioners

3 Traffic areas.

- (1) For the purposes of this Act Great Britain shall be divided into the Metropolitan, Northern, Yorkshire, North-Western, West Midland, East Midland, Eastern, South Wales, Western, South-Eastern and Scottish Traffic Areas.
- (2) The Secretary of State may from time to time by order vary the provisions of this Act constituting traffic areas, either by altering the limits of an existing traffic area or by increasing or reducing the number of traffic areas or otherwise as he may think fit.

[^{F1}(2A) The power to make an order under subsection (2) above includes power to make—

 - (a) such incidental, consequential, supplemental or transitional provision, and
 - (b) such savings,

as the Secretary of State may consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in consequence of, or for giving full effect to, any order under that subsection for varying the number or limits of traffic areas in England and Wales.

(2B) The power conferred by subsection (2A) above includes power to amend or modify any provision of this Act or any other enactment (whenever passed or made) for the purpose of making any such provision or savings.

(2C) The powers conferred by subsections (2A) and (2B) above are without prejudice to what may be done under subsection (3) below.]

[^{F2}(3) An order under this section for varying the number or limits of traffic areas may contain such consequential and incidental provisions as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in consequence of the variations of areas to be affected by the order, including provisions—

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- (a) as to the effect of licences previously issued, and consents previously given, by a traffic commissioner;
 - (b) as to the effect of applications for licences or consents previously made to a traffic commissioner;
 - (c) as to the continuance of appeals pending against decisions of a traffic commissioner; and
 - (d) as to the recovery of any sums due to a traffic commissioner,
- in relation to any traffic area abolished or changed.]
- (4) The power to make orders conferred by this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be laid before Parliament after being made, and an order under this section shall not have effect unless and until it has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 3(2A)-(2C) inserted (26.11.2008 for specified purposes, 9.2.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), **ss. 1**, 134(1)(c)(4); S.I. 2009/107, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- F2** S. 3(3) substituted (3.7.2013) by [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 1(3), 2, 7)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by 1982 c. 49 s. 21(4)(b)