



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Provisions relating to offences and legal proceedings

72 Proof in summary proceedings of identity of driver of vehicle.

Where on a summary trial in England or Wales of an information for an offence under Part II . . . ^{F1} of this Act—

- (a) it is proved to the satisfaction of the court, on oath or in a manner prescribed by [^{F2}Criminal Procedure Rules], that a requirement under subsection (1) of section 70 of this Act to give information as to the identity of the driver of a particular vehicle on the particular occasion to which the information relates has been served on the accused [^{F3}in accordance with Criminal Procedure Rules]; and
- (b) a statement in writing is produced to the court purporting to be signed by the accused that the accused was the driver of that vehicle on that occasion,

the court may accept that statement as evidence that the accused was the driver of that vehicle on that occasion.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), s. 139(3), [Sch. 8](#)
- F2** Words in s. 72(a) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 35\)](#), s. 51(3), [Sch. 1 para. 7\(a\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 72(a) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 35\)](#), s. 51(3), [Sch. 1 para. 7\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 72](#) extended by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), s. 127(5)(6)

Changes to legislation:

Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981, Section 72 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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\(4\)\(b\)](#)