



# Road Traffic Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 52

### PART II

#### CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Stopping officers*

#### Annotations:

#### Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Ss. 66B, 66C and cross-heading inserted (30.3.2011) by  
[The Road Vehicles \(Powers to Stop\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/996\)](#)
- ,  
[regs. 1](#)
- ,  
[2\(2\)](#)

#### **66B** Appointment of stopping officers

- (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint such officers as the Secretary of State considers necessary for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred on them by—
  - (a) this Part of this Act;
  - (b) the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995;
  - (c) the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981;
  - (d) the Transport Act 1968;
  - (e) any other enactment.
- (2) An officer appointed under this section shall act under the general directions of the Secretary of State.
- (3) The Secretary of State must not appoint a person under this section unless the Secretary of State is satisfied that—

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- (a) the person is a suitable person to exercise the powers of a stopping officer;
  - (b) the person is capable of effectively exercising those powers; and
  - (c) the person has received adequate training for the exercise of those powers.
- (4) A power exercisable by virtue of an appointment under this section is exercisable only by a person wearing such uniform as may be determined or approved for the purposes of this section by the Secretary of State.
- (5) In this Part “stopping officer” means an officer appointed under this section.

**66C Stopping officers: offences**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person, with intent to deceive, impersonates a stopping officer or makes any statement or does any act calculated falsely to suggest that the person is a stopping officer.
- (2) A person commits an offence if the person resists or wilfully obstructs a stopping officer who is exercising the powers of a stopping officer.]

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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. 12(1A) inserted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[s. 73\(2\)](#)
- s. 12A-12I inserted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[s. 73\(3\)](#)
- s. 34A inserted by  
[2000 c. 37](#)  
[Sch. 7](#)  
[para. 6](#)  
(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The amending provision has been repealed)
- s. 41(2)(m) inserted by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[s. 18\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 41(2)(ba) inserted by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[s. 56\(3\)](#)
- s. 49(3A) inserted by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[s. 48\(1\)](#)
- s. 53(6) inserted by  
[S.I. 2017/849](#)  
[reg. 3\(e\)](#)
- s. 66(7A) inserted by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 85(1) word substituted by  
[S.I. 2018/235](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 1\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 85(1) word substituted by  
[S.I. 2018/235](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 1\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 85(1) words substituted by  
[S.I. 2018/235](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 1\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 85(1) words substituted by  
[S.I. 2018/235](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 85(1) words substituted by  
[S.I. 2018/236](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 1\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 85(1) words substituted by  
[S.I. 2018/236](#)

- Sch. 2  
para. 1(3)(b)
- s. 85(2) added by  
1988 c. 54
- Sch. 2  
para. 17(c)
- s. 97(1)(c)(ia) words repealed by  
2006 c. 49
- Sch. 3  
para. 6(2)(b)
- Sch. 7(4)
- s. 97(1ZA) inserted by  
2006 c. 49
- s. 38(2)
- s. 123 123A substituted for s. 123 by  
2006 c. 49
- Sch. 6  
para. 2
- s. 123(1)(aa) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089
- reg. 2(2)(c)
- s. 123(6A) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089
- reg. 2(3)
- s. 123A(3) words inserted by  
2009 c. 17
- s. 1(3)
- s. 124(3)-(5) inserted by  
2009 c. 17
- s. 3
- s. 124(6) inserted by  
2015 c. 20
- Sch. 2  
para. 2(b)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)
- s. 125(1A) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089
- reg. 2(4)(a)
- s. 125(2A) words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089
- reg. 2(4)(c)
- s. 125(3A)-(3D) inserted by  
2015 c. 20
- Sch. 2  
para. 3(2)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)
- s. 125(3A) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089
- reg. 2(4)(f)
- s. 125(4A)(4B) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089
- reg. 2(4)(g)
- s. 125(5A) inserted by  
2015 c. 20
- Sch. 2  
para. 3(3)

- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 125A(5)-(7E) substituted for s. 125A(5)-(7) by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[Sch. 6](#)  
[para. 6\(3\)](#)
- s. 125ZA inserted by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[Sch. 6](#)  
[para. 5](#)
- s. 125ZA(2)(b) word omitted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 125ZA(2)(d) and word inserted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 125ZA(4)(c) word omitted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 4\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 125ZA(4)(c) words substituted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 125ZA(4)(ba)(bb) inserted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 4\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 125ZA(4)(ca) inserted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 126(3A) inserted by  
[S.I. 2016/1089](#)  
[reg. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 126(5) omitted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 6](#)
- (This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)  
s. 126A inserted by  
[2016 c. 16](#)  
[s. 1\(3\)](#)

- s. 126A omitted (cond.) by 2006 c. 49 Sch. 6 para. 8A (as inserted) by  
2016 c. 16  
s. 3(3)
- s. 126A heading words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 3(2)
- s. 126A(1) words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 3(3)(a)
- s. 126A(1) words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 3(3)(b)
- s. 128(1A) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 2(7)(b)
- s. 128(2B) inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 2(7)(c)
- s. 128A inserted by  
2006 c. 49  
Sch. 6  
para. 11
- s. 128A(4) inserted by 2006 c. 49 Sch. 6 para. 11 (as inserted) by  
2016 c. 16  
s. 4(4)
- s. 128B inserted by  
2015 c. 20  
Sch. 2  
para. 9  
(This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule  
6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)
- s. 128ZA inserted by  
2009 c. 17  
s. 1(1)
- s. 128ZB inserted by  
2009 c. 17  
s. 2
- s. 128AZA 128AZB inserted by  
2016 c. 16  
s. 2(2)
- s. 128AZA 128AZB inserted (cond.) by 2006 c. 49 Sch. 6 para. 10A (as inserted) by  
2016 c. 16  
s. 4(2)
- s. 128AZA 128AZB substituted (cond.) by 2006 c. 49 Sch. 6 para. 10A (as inserted)  
by  
2016 c. 16  
s. 4(2)
- s. 128AZA heading words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 4(2)(a)
- s. 128AZA(1) words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 4(2)(b)
- s. 128AZA(4) words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089  
reg. 4(2)(c)
- s. 128AZB heading words inserted by  
S.I. 2016/1089

- [reg. 4\(3\)\(a\)](#)  
s. 128AZB(1) words inserted by  
[S.I. 2016/1089](#)
- [reg. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)  
s. 128AZB(1) words inserted by  
[S.I. 2016/1089](#)
- [reg. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)  
s. 131(3)(b)(c) substituted for s. 131(3)(b) and word by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[Sch. 6](#)  
[para. 13\(4\)](#)
- s. 131(6) inserted by  
[2016 c. 16](#)  
[s. 2\(4\)](#)
- s. 131(6) inserted by [2006 c. 49 Sch. 6 para. 13\(9\)](#) (as inserted) by  
[2016 c. 16](#)  
[s. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 131(6) substituted by [2006 c. 49 Sch. 6 para. 13\(9\)](#) (as inserted) by  
[2016 c. 16](#)  
[s. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 132-133ZA and cross-heading substituted for ss. 132, 133 and cross-heading by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[Sch. 6](#)  
[para. 14](#)
- s. 133(2)(a) words omitted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 10\(a\)](#)  
(This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)
- s. 133(2)(b) words omitted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 10\(b\)](#)  
(This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)
- s. 133D(1A) inserted by  
[2015 c. 20](#)  
[Sch. 2](#)  
[para. 14\(2\)](#)  
(This amendment is to Part 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Schedule 6 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Those amendments have not yet come into force)
- s. 135(2A) inserted by  
[S.I. 2016/1089](#)  
[reg. 2\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 135(3)-(6) substituted for s. 135(3) by  
[S.I. 2016/1089](#)  
[reg. 2\(9\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 140(1)(2) inserted by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[Sch. 6](#)  
[para. 23\(2\)](#)
- s. 140(3) s. 140 renumbered as s. 140(3) by  
[2006 c. 49](#)  
[Sch. 6](#)  
[para. 23\(1\)](#)
- s. 141A(5) words repealed by  
[2006 c. 49](#)

- Sch. 3  
para. 24  
Sch. 7(4)
- s. 173(2)(g)-(gb) substituted for s. 173(2)(g) by  
2006 c. 49
- Sch. 6  
para. 27
- s. 173(2)(n) and word inserted by  
2006 c. 49
- s. 37(8)
- s. 174(1)(da) inserted by  
2006 c. 49
- Sch. 6  
para. 28
- s. 183(6A) inserted by  
2006 c. 49
- Sch. 6  
para. 29
- s. 193A(3A) inserted by  
2015 c. 20
- s. 75(4)
- s. 195(6) inserted by  
2015 c. 20
- s. 75(5)