

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ROAD SAFETY ACT 2006

INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY

Drink driving

Speeding

New Offences

Penalties and enforcement

Driver training

Driver fatigue

Driver and vehicle licensing

Motor Insurance

Other measures

BACKGROUND

STRUCTURE

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Note on abbreviations

PAYMENTS FOR ROAD SAFETY

Section 1: Road Safety Grants

Section 2: Application of surplus income from safety camera enforcement

FIXED PENALTIES

Section 3: Graduated fixed penalties

Section 4: Graduated fixed penalty points

Section 5 (and Schedule 1): Giving of fixed penalty notices by vehicle examiners

Section 6: Goods vehicles operator licensing

Section 7: Public passenger vehicle licensing

NEW SYSTEM OF ENDORSEMENT

Sections 8, 9 and 10 and Schedules 2 and 3: New system of endorsement

DEPOSITS AND PROHIBITION ON DRIVING

Section 11: Financial penalty deposits

Section 12 (and Schedule 4): Prohibition on driving: immobilisation, removal and disposal of vehicles

DRINK-DRIVING etc.

Section 13: High risk offenders: medical enquiries following disqualification

Section 14: Period of endorsement for failure to allow specimen to be tested

Section 15: Alcohol ignition interlocks

Section 16: Experimental period for section 15

SPEEDING

Section 17: Penalty points

Section 18: Speed assessment equipment detection devices

Section 19: Exemptions from speed limits

NEW OFFENCES

Section 20: Causing death by careless, or inconsiderate, driving

Section 21: Causing death by driving: unlicensed, disqualified or uninsured drivers

Section 22 and Schedule 5: Offence of keeping vehicle which does not meet insurance requirements and New Schedule 2A to the Road Traffic Act 1988

INCREASES IN PENALTIES

Section 23: Careless, and inconsiderate, driving

Section 24: Breach of requirements relating to children and seat belts

Section 25: Using vehicle in dangerous condition etc

Section 26: Breach of requirements as to control of vehicle, mobile telephones etc

Section 27: Power of police to stop vehicle

Section 28: Furious driving

Section 29: Breach of duty to give information as to identity of driver etc

OTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT OFFENCES

Section 30: Meaning of driving without due care and attention

Section 31: Extension of offence in section 3A of Road Traffic Act 1988

Section 32: Alternative verdict on unsuccessful culpable homicide prosecution

Section 33: Alternative verdict on unsuccessful manslaughter prosecution

ATTENDANCE ON COURSES

Section 34: Penalty points

Section 35: Reduced disqualification period for attendance on course

DRIVING STANDARDS

Section 36: Driving tests

Section 37: Disqualification until test is passed

Section 38: Granting of full licence

Section 39: Compulsory surrender of old-form licences

Section 40: Fee for renewal of photocard licence and issue of certain alternative licences

Section 41: Driver training

Section 42: Driving instruction

Schedule 6

New section 123: Requirement of registration

New section 123A: Paid driving instruction: offences

New section 133ZA (Training)

New section 141A (Interpretation)

Section 43: Tests: approved assistants

REGULATION OF REGISTRATION PLATE SUPPLIERS

Section 44: Enforcement authorities; Section 45: Registration plates; and Section 46: Extension to Scotland and Northern Ireland

INFORMATION

Section 47: Particulars to be included in vehicles register

Section 48: Records of goods vehicle examinations

Section 49: Disclosure to foreign authorities of licensing and registration information

LEVEL CROSSINGS

Section 50: Safety arrangements at level crossings

These notes refer to the Road Safety Act 2006 (c.49)

Section 51: Delegation of power to make level crossing orders

HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Section 52: Immediate suspension and revocation of drivers' licences

Section 53: Abolition of "contract exemption"

Section 54: Private hire vehicles in London

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 55: Trunk Road picnic areas

Section 56: Vehicles modified to run on fuel stored under pressure

Section 57: Powers to regulate transport of radioactive material

Section 58: Minor corrections

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Section 60: Power to make amendments

Section 61: Commencement

PUBLIC SERVICE MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS

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HANSARD REFERENCES