

*These notes refer to the Road Safety Act 2006 (c.49)
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

ROAD SAFETY ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

Penalties and enforcement

7. The Act increases the maximum penalties for various road traffic offences and provides for the graduation of fixed penalties for offences and in circumstances specified by order, which will match the punishment to the severity of the offence. Provision is made to prevent drivers who do not have a satisfactory address from escaping punishment in Great Britain, by requiring them to pay an on-the-spot deposit where an offence is committed. To improve enforcement of road traffic legislation, the Act extends the use of retraining courses to offenders convicted of speeding and careless driving, and confers new enforcement powers on vehicle examiners.