

# Road Traffic Act 1960

# **1960 CHAPTER 16**

## PART I

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROAD TRAFFIC

#### Accidents

### 80 Inquests on road deaths in London Traffic Area

- (1) Where an accident occurs within the London Traffic Area resulting in the death of a person, and it is alleged that the accident was due to—
  - (a) the nature or character of a road or road surface; or
  - (b) a defect in the design or construction of a vehicle or in the materials used in the construction of a road or vehicle;

the coroner holding inquiry into the cause of death shall send to the Minister, or to such officer of the Ministry of Transport as the Minister may direct, notice in writing of the time and place of holding the inquest, and of the adjourned inquest; and an officer appointed by the Minister for the purpose shall be at liberty at any such inquest to examine any witness, subject nevertheless to the power of the coroner to disallow any question which in his opinion is not relevant or is otherwise not a proper question.

(2) In this section "road " has the same meaning as in the last foregoing section.