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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 1402 (S. 133)**

**ROADS AND BRIDGES, SCOTLAND**

**The Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991**

*Approved by the House of Commons*

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th May 1991</i>
<i>Laid before the House of Commons</i>	- - - -	<i>17th May 1991</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>14th June 1991</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 4(3) of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Act 1968<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, it appearing to him that the aggregate revenue produced by the tolls during the period specified in section 4(1) of that Act is likely to fall short of what would be required for the purposes mentioned in Schedule 2 to the said Act, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Erskine Bridge Tolls Extension Order 1991 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is approved by resolution of the House of Commons.

**Provision**

2. It is hereby directed that the period of twenty years referred to in section 4(1) of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Act 1968 shall be extended by five years.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
12th May 1991

*James Douglas-Hamilton*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish  
Office

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(1) 1968 c. 4. The twenty year period commenced on 2nd July 1971, being the date on which the bridge became open for use by traffic.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Order extends the period during which tolls may be levied from 2nd July 1991 to 1st July 1996. Section 4(1) of the Erskine Bridge Tolls Act 1968 limits the period during which tolls may be levied by the Secretary of State in respect of vehicles using the bridge to twenty years beginning with the date on which the bridge became open for use by traffic. (The twenty year period started on 2nd July 1971 and ends on 1st July 1991). Section 4(3) of the Act empowers the Secretary of State by way of order to direct that the 20 year period be extended if he is satisfied that the total revenue produced by the tolls is likely to fall short of what would be required to repay outstanding expenses of building the bridge and expenses of maintaining it all as set out in Schedule 2 to the Act.