



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART X

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

127 Footpaths, bridleways [^{F1}, restricted byways] and byways open to all traffic.

- (1) In relation to any footpath, bridleway [^{F2}, restricted byway] or byway open to all traffic—
 - (a) any reference in section 2(3) or 14 of this Act to pedestrians shall be construed as including a reference to persons to whom subsection (2) below applies, and
 - (b) any reference in any provision of this Act (except this section) to traffic shall be construed as including a reference to pedestrians and to persons to whom that subsection applies.
- (2) This subsection applies to any person driving, riding or leading a horse or other animal of draught or burden.
- (3) In this section—
 - (a) “footpath” does not include a highway over which the public have a right of way on foot only which is at the side of a public road; and
 - (b) “byway open to all traffic” means a highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used by the public mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a highway at the side of a river, canal or inland navigation shall not be excluded from the definition of a footpath, bridleway [^{F2}, restricted byway] or byway open to all traffic by reason only that the public have a right to use the highway for purposes of navigation, if the highway would fall within that definition if the public had no such right.
- (5) This section does not extend to Scotland.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 127. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 127 sidenote inserted (2.5.2006 for E., 11.5.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1177\)](#), regs. 1(2)(4), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 1**; S.I. 2006/1172; S.I. 2006/1279
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