
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 149 (N.I. 3)

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983

Made 11th February 1983

Laid before Parliament 21st February 1983

Coming into Operation 12th March 1983

At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 11th day of February 1983

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas this Order is made only for purposes corresponding to those of section 70 of the Transport Act 1982 (a):

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (b) (as modified by section 71 of the said Act of 1982) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on the expiration of the period of one month from the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c) shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Payments in respect of applicants for exemption from wearing seat belts

3. After Article 129B of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (d) there shall be inserted the following Article—

“Payments in respect of applicants for exemption from wearing seat belts

129C.—(1) The Department may make payments in respect of the examination of applicants falling within any class mentioned in paragraph (2) being applicants for medical certificates required as a condition of any exception prescribed by regulations under Article 129A or 129B (wearing of seat belts).

(a) 1982 c. 49.

(b) 1974 c. 28.

(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(d) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1).

- (2) The classes referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) those in receipt of—
- (i) attendance allowance under section 35 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975;
 - (ii) mobility allowance under section 37A of that Act;
 - (iii) disablement pension under section 57 of that Act at a weekly rate increased by virtue of section 61 (1) of that Act (constant attendance needed); or
 - (iv) an allowance under Article 14 of the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1978 (constant attendance allowance);
- (b) those in receipt of—
- (i) family income supplement; or
 - (ii) any benefit under the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977;
- and their dependants;
- (c) those whose names are in the register of disabled persons maintained under section 6 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1945.
- (3) The Department may by order amend paragraph (2) so as to omit any of the classes mentioned in that paragraph or add to or substitute for any of those classes other classes of any description.”.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order is made only for purposes which correspond to those of section 70 of the Transport Act 1982. It empowers the Department of the Environment to make payments in respect of the examination of certain persons who apply for medical certificates required as a condition of exemption from those provisions of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 which make it obligatory to wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle.