



# London Cab Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 20

An Act to amend the London Cab Act 1968.

[23rd May 1973]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### **1 Increased penalty for illegal signs, notices and advertisements in connection with private hire-cars.**

In subsection (3) of section 4 of the London Cab Act 1968 (which prescribes a penalty of £20 for a first offence and £50 for a subsequent offence under provisions of that section prohibiting the display or issue of certain signs, notices and advertisements in connection with private hire-cars) for the words " liable on summary conviction" onwards there shall be substituted the words " liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £200 ".

### **2 Power to prohibit signs etc. on private hire-cars.**

After section 4 of the London Cab Act 1968 there shall be inserted the following section:—

- (1) The Secretary of State may, with a view to preventing private hire-cars from competing unfairly with vehicles licensed under section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869, by order prohibit the display on or from private hire-cars in the metropolitan police district and the City of London of any sign, notice, mark, illumination or other feature of a description specified in the order.
- (2) Any prohibition imposed by an order under this section may be expressed to apply only in circumstances specified in the order or to apply subject to any exceptions so specified.

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- (3) The power to make orders under this section includes power to vary or revoke a previous order and shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) Before making any order under this section the Secretary of State shall consult with such bodies appearing to him to represent the owners and drivers of vehicles licensed under section 6 of the said Act of 1869 and the private hire-car trade as he considers appropriate.
- (5) This section is without prejudice to subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act and the references in subsection (3)(a) of that section to contravention of the said subsection (1) shall include references to contravention of an order under this section.
- (6) In this section " private hire-car " has the same meaning as in section 4 of this Act.”.

### **3 Short title and citation.**

This Act may be cited as the London Cab Act 1973; and this Act and the London Cab Act 1968 may be cited together as the London Cab Acts 1968 and 1973.