



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Traffic Areas and Traffic commissioners

[^{F1}4B Power of senior traffic commissioner to deploy other commissioners

- (1) In this section—
 - (a) subsections (2) to (4) confer powers on the senior traffic commissioner in relation to traffic commissioners and deputy traffic commissioners for England and Wales; and
 - (b) subsections (5) to (7) confer powers on the senior traffic commissioner in relation to the Scottish traffic commissioner and any deputy traffic commissioners for the Scottish traffic area.
- (2) The senior traffic commissioner may require any traffic commissioner for England and Wales to carry out such of the functions of traffic commissioner for England and Wales as the senior traffic commissioner may determine—
 - (a) in relation to such matters relating to England and Wales, or
 - (b) as respects Scotland, in relation to such reserved matters,as the senior traffic commissioner may determine.
- (3) The senior traffic commissioner may require any traffic commissioner for England and Wales to carry out such of those functions as the senior traffic commissioner may determine at such places—
 - (a) in England and Wales, or
 - (b) in the case of functions which relate to reserved matters and are exercisable in relation to Scotland, in Scotland,as the senior traffic commissioner may determine.

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- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) above also apply in relation to a deputy traffic commissioner for England and Wales as they apply in relation to a traffic commissioner for England and Wales, construing the references to functions accordingly.
- (5) The senior traffic commissioner may require the Scottish traffic commissioner to carry out as respects England and Wales such of the functions exercisable by the Scottish traffic commissioner in relation to reserved matters by virtue of section 4(3B)(b) of this Act as the senior traffic commissioner may determine.
- (6) The senior traffic commissioner may require the Scottish traffic commissioner to carry out such of those functions as the senior traffic commissioner may determine at such places in England and Wales as the senior traffic commissioner may determine.
- (7) Subsections (5) and (6) above also apply in relation to a deputy traffic commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area as they apply in relation to the Scottish traffic commissioner, construing the references to functions accordingly.
- (8) In this section—
 “deputy traffic commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area” means any person appointed under paragraph 3 or 4 of Schedule 2 to this Act to act as deputy in the case of the Scottish traffic commissioner;
 “reserved matters” means reserved matters within the meaning of the Scotland Act 1998.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 4A-4D inserted (4.3.2009 for the insertion of ss. 4A, 4C, 4D, 3.7.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\)](#), **ss. 3(1)**, 134(4); [S.I. 2009/107](#), **art. 3**, **Sch. 3**; [S.I. 2013/685](#), **art. 3(1)(2)(b)**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by [1982 c. 49 s. 21\(4\)\(b\)](#)