



Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 54

PART IV

IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE

Natural dangers

33 Snow gates.

(1) Gates (hereafter in this section referred to as “snow gates”) may be provided and maintained by the roads authority for the purpose of temporarily closing a road to vehicular traffic on any occasion when snow is rendering or has rendered that road unsafe for such traffic; and where in the opinion of a constable such an occasion has arisen as respects a road he (or, where the constable is a chief constable, a person acting on his behalf) may, until the road is once again safe for vehicular traffic, close and secure any snow gate on the road against all such traffic except that engaged in the provision or restoration of essential services.

(2) In subsection (1) above—

“constable” and “chief constable” shall be construed in accordance with [F1 section 99 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8)] ;

“engaged in the provision or restoration of essential services” means in the opinion of a constable so engaged; and

“safe” means in such opinion safe.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 33(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 129(2), [sch. 7 para. 7\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2013/51, [art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)

Changes to legislation:

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, Section 33 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 152(3)(3ZA) substituted for s. 152(3) by [2019 asp 17 s. 124\(2\)](#)