



Road Traffic Act 1960

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PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROAD TRAFFIC

School Crossings

47 Arrangements for patrolling school crossings

- (1) Arrangements may be made by the appropriate authority for the patrolling of places where children cross roads on their way to or from school, during periods between the hours of eight in the morning and half-past five in the afternoon when children are so on their way, by persons appointed by or on behalf of the appropriate authority, other than police constables.
- (2) For the purposes of the foregoing subsection in its application to England and Wales the appropriate authority shall be—
 - (a) as respects places not in the metropolitan police district, other than places in the City of London, the council of the county or county borough in which the places in question are,
 - (b) as respects places in the City of London, the Common Council of the City, and
 - (c) as respects places in the metropolitan police district, the commissioner of police of the metropolis;and for the purposes of that subsection in its application to Scotland the appropriate authority shall be—
 - (i) as respects places in a county (exclusive of any large burgh, and inclusive of any small burgh, situated therein), the county council, and
 - (ii) as respects places in a large burgh, the town council of the burgh.
- (3) The functions of the appropriate authority for the purpose of arrangements under subsection (1) of this section shall include the duty to satisfy themselves of the adequate qualifications of persons appointed to patrol, and to provide requisite training of persons to be appointed.

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- (4) In taking decisions as to making arrangements in England or Wales under subsection (1) of this section the council of a county, and the commissioner of police of the metropolis, shall have regard to any representations made to them or him by local authorities for localities in the county, or in the metropolitan police district, as the case may be, and in taking decisions as to making arrangements in Scotland under that subsection a county council shall have regard to any representations made to them by the council of any district or small burgh situated in that county, and the town council of a large burgh, other than a county of a city, shall have regard to any representations made to them by the education authority in whose area the burgh is situated.
- (5) Any arrangements made in England or Wales under subsection (1) of this section as respects places in an area of a description mentioned in the first column of the Seventh Schedule to this Act, being arrangements made by the council mentioned in relation to that description of area in the second column of that Schedule, may include an agreement between the council and the police authority mentioned in relation thereto in the third column of that Schedule for the performance by the police authority, on such terms as may be specified in the agreement, of such functions for the purposes of the arrangements as may be so specified, and any arrangements made in Scotland by a council under that subsection may include an agreement between the council and any other local authority whose area for any purpose comprises the place to which the arrangements relate for the performance by that other local authority, on such terms as may be specified in the agreement, of such functions for the purposes of the arrangements as may be so specified.
- (6) For the purposes of any arrangements made under subsection (1) of this section by the commissioner of police of the metropolis, there shall be paid out of the metropolitan police fund such expenditure as the Secretary of State may direct to be so paid.
- (7) In this section, in its application to Scotland,—
- (a) " district " large burgh " and " small burgh " have the same meanings respectively as in the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947;
 - (b) " education authority " has the same meaning as in the Education (Scotland) Act, 1946 ; and
 - (c) " local authority " has the same meaning as in the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, save that it also includes a joint police committee within the meaning of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1956.

48 Stopping of vehicles at school crossings

- (1) When between the hours of eight in the morning and half-past five in the afternoon a vehicle is approaching a place in a road where children on their way to or from school are crossing or seeking to cross the road, a school crossing patrol wearing a uniform approved by the Secretary of State shall have power, by exhibiting a prescribed sign, to require the person driving or propelling the vehicle to stop it.
- (2) When a person has been required under the foregoing subsection to stop a vehicle—
- (a) he shall cause the vehicle to stop before reaching the place where the children are crossing or seeking to cross and so as not to stop or impede their crossing; and
 - (b) the vehicle shall not be put in motion again so as to reach the place in question so long as the sign continues to be exhibited;

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and a person who fails to comply with paragraph (a) of this subsection, or who causes a vehicle to be put in motion in contravention of paragraph (b) thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(3) In this section—

- (a) " prescribed sign " means a sign of a size, colour and type prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate Minister, or, if authorisation is given by the appropriate Minister for the use of signs of a description not so prescribed, a sign of that description; and regulations under this subsection may provide for the attachment of reflectors to signs or for the illumination of signs; and
- (b) " school crossing patrol" means a person appointed to patrol in accordance with arrangements made under the last foregoing section.

(4) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) where it is proved that a sign was exhibited by a school crossing patrol, it shall be presumed to be of a size, colour and type prescribed, or of a description authorised, under the foregoing provisions of this section, and if it was exhibited in circumstances in which it was required by the regulations to be illuminated, to have been illuminated in the prescribed manner, unless the contrary is proved; and
- (b) where it is proved that a school crossing patrol was wearing uniform, the uniform shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to be a uniform approved by the Secretary of State.