



# Road Traffic Act 1960

## 1960 CHAPTER 16

### PART VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Ancillary Provisions for preventing, or mitigating Effects of, Accidents*

#### **218 Penalisation of tampering with motor vehicles**

If, while a motor vehicle is on a road or on a parking place provided by a local authority, a person otherwise than with lawful authority or reasonable cause gets on to the vehicle or tampers with the brake or other part of its mechanism, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

#### **219 Penalisation of holding or getting on to vehicle in order to be towed or carried**

If a person otherwise than with lawful authority or reasonable cause takes or retains hold of, or gets on to, a motor vehicle or trailer while in motion on a road, for the purpose of being drawn or carried, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

#### **220 Control of dogs on roads**

- (1) A person who causes or permits a dog to be on a designated road without the dog being held on a lead shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.
- (2) In this section "designated road" means a length of road specified by an order in that behalf of the local authority in whose area the length of road is situated.

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- (3) An order under this section may provide that subsection (1) thereof shall apply subject to such limitations or exceptions as may be specified in the order, and (without prejudice to the generality of this subsection) the said subsection (1) shall not apply to dogs proved to be kept for driving or tending sheep or cattle in the course of a trade or business, or to have been at the material time in use under proper control for sporting purposes.
- (4) An order under this section shall not be made except after consultation with the chief officer of police, and shall not have effect unless confirmed by the appropriate Minister; and subsections (3) to (8) of section two hundred and fifty of the Local Government Act, 1933, or in Scotland subsections (4), (5), (7) and (II) to (13) of section three hundred and one of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, shall apply to orders under this section and the confirmation thereof as they apply to byelaws and the confirmation thereof.
- (5) In England or Wales a local authority may institute proceedings for an offence under this section relating to a road in their area.
- (6) In this section " local authority " means the council of a county borough or county district, the Common Council of the City of London or the council of a metropolitan borough, or in Scotland a county council or a town council.
- (7) The power conferred by this section to make an order shall include power, exercisable in like manner and subject to the like provisions, to vary or revoke it.

## **221 Protective helmets for motor cyclists**

- (1) The Minister may make regulations prescribing (by reference to shape, construction or any other quality) types of helmet recommended as affording protection to persons on or in motor cycles, or motor cycles of different classes or descriptions, from injury in the event of accident.
- (2) If a person sells, or offers for sale, a helmet as a helmet for affording protection as aforesaid, and the helmet is neither—
  - (a) of a type prescribed under this section, nor
  - (b) of a type authorised under regulations made under this section and sold or offered for sale subject to any conditions specified in the authorisation,
 he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment:
 

Provided that a person shall not be convicted of an offence under this section in respect of the sale or offer for sale of a helmet if he proves that it was sold or, as the case may be, offered for sale for export from Great Britain.
- (3) In England or Wales the council of a county, of a borough or of an urban district or the Common Council of the City of London may institute proceedings for an offence under this section.
- (4) The provisions of the Sixteenth Schedule to this Act shall have effect in relation to contraventions of this section.

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- (5) In this section and in the said Schedule "helmet" includes any head-dress, and references in this section to selling or offering for sale include respectively references to letting on hire and offering to let on hire.

## **222 Control of driving over Menai bridge**

- (1) A motor vehicle shall not be driven on or over the Menai bridge except in accordance with and subject to any restrictions contained in regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) Different regulations may be made under this section as respects different classes or descriptions of vehicles or as respects the same class or description of vehicles in different circumstances.
- (3) A person who acts in contravention of subsection (1) of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.