

1968 No. 1970

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment)
(England and Wales) Order 1968**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	10th December 1968
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		19th December 1968
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st January 1969

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 5 of and Schedule 3 to the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order :—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) (England and Wales) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Subject to article 4 of this order, in the proviso to section 212(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(c) (which provides that the maximum amount of payments by authorised insurers or owners of vehicles under the sub-section for hospital treatment of traffic casualties shall be £50 for each person treated as an in-patient and £5 for each person treated as an out-patient) for the sum of £50 there shall be substituted the sum of £200 and for the sum of £5 there shall be substituted the sum of £20.

3. Subject as aforesaid, in section 213(1) of the said Act (which provides a fee of 12s. 6d. for emergency treatment of traffic casualties) for the sum of 12s. 6d. there shall be substituted the sum of 25s.

4. This order shall apply only where an accident giving rise to the death or bodily injury in respect of which a payment is made under the said section 212, or claimed under the said section 213, occurred after the coming into operation of this order.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

David Ennals,

Minister of State.

Department of Health and Social Security.

10th December 1968.

(a) 1968 c. 14.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) 1960 c. 16.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order alters the maximum amounts payable under section 212(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960 and the fee payable under section 213(1). The maximum payments for hospital treatment under section 212(1) are increased from £50 to £200 in respect of persons treated as in-patients and from £5 to £20 for persons treated as out-patients. The fee for emergency treatment under section 213(1) is increased from 12s. 6d. to 25s. The alterations apply only in respect of accidents occurring on or after 1st January 1969.