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# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 12

#### DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

### CHAPTER 1

#### TAXIS, ETC.

PROSPECTIVE

#### **164 Exemption from taxi accessibility regulations**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for a relevant licensing authority to apply for an order (an “exemption order”) exempting the authority from the requirements of section 163.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision requiring an authority proposing to apply for an exemption order—
  - (a) to carry out such consultation as is specified;
  - (b) to publish its proposals in the specified manner;
  - (c) before applying for the order, to consider representations made about the proposal;
  - (d) to make the application in the specified form.In this subsection “specified” means specified in the regulations.
- (3) An authority may apply for an exemption order only if it is satisfied—
  - (a) that, having regard to the circumstances in its area, it is inappropriate for section 163 to apply, and
  - (b) that the application of that section would result in an unacceptable reduction in the number of taxis in its area.

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- (4) After consulting the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee and such other persons as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate, the Secretary of State may—
- (a) make an exemption order in the terms of the application for the order;
  - (b) make an exemption order in such other terms as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate;
  - (c) refuse to make an exemption order.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision requiring a taxi plying for hire in an area in respect of which an exemption order is in force to conform with provisions of the regulations as to the fitting and use of swivel seats.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (5) may make provision corresponding to section 163.
- (7) In this section—
- “relevant licensing authority” means an authority responsible for licensing taxis in any area of England and Wales other than the area to which the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869 applies;
  - “swivel seats” has such meaning as is specified in regulations under subsection (5).

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- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
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