



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Regulation of conduct etc. of drivers, inspectors, conductors and passengers

24 Regulation of conduct of drivers, inspectors and conductors.

- (1) Regulations may make provision for regulating the conduct, when acting as such, of—
 - (a) [^{F1}persons licensed to act as] drivers of public service vehicles, and
 - (b) inspectors and conductors of such vehicles; [^{F2}and
 - (c) drivers, inspectors and conductors of tramcars.]
- (2) Subject to section 68(1) of this Act, if a person to whom regulations having effect by virtue of this section apply contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions of the regulations, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F3}level 2 on the standard scale] and, in the case of an offence by a person acting as driver [^{F4}of a public service vehicle], the court by which he is convicted may, if it thinks fit, [^{F5}send notice of the particulars of the conviction to the Secretary of State requiring the Secretary of State to endorse them on the person's driving record (within the meaning of section 97A of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988)].
- ^{F6}(3)
- (4) In this section and in section 25 of this Act “inspector”, in relation to a public service vehicle, means a person authorised to act as an inspector by the holder of the PSV operator’s licence under which the vehicle is being used.
- ^{F7}(5) Notwithstanding section 1(1) of this Act, in this section and in sections 25 and 26 of this Act “public service vehicle” shall be construed as meaning a public service vehicle being used on a road for carrying passengers for hire or reward.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1 Words repealed (1.4.1991) by [Road Traffic \(Driver Licensing and Information Systems\) Act 1989 \(c. 22, SIF 107:1\)](#), ss. 7, 16, [Sch. 3 para. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)
- F2 S. 24(1)(c) and word 'and' preceding it added (31.1.1993) by [Transport and Works Act 1992 \(c. 42\)](#), s. [61\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 1992/3144, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F3 Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. [46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. [289G](#)
- F4 Words in s. 24(2) inserted (31.1.1993) by [Transport and Works Act 1992 \(c. 42\)](#), s. [61\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 1992/3144, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F5 Words in s. 24(2) substituted (8.6.2015) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\)](#), s. [61\(1\)\(10\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 1\(2\)](#); S.I. 2015/560, art. 3(a) (with arts. 4-9)
- F6 S. 24(3) repealed (8.6.2015) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\)](#), s. [61\(1\)\(10\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 7\(4\)](#); S.I. 2015/560, art. 3 (with arts. 4-9)
- F7 S. 24(5) inserted (1.4.1991) by [Road Traffic \(Driver Licensing and Information Systems\) Act 1989 \(c. 22, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 7, [Sch. 3 para. 2\(c\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 24 applied (with modifications) (21.7.1994) by [1994 c. xv](#), s. [63\(1\)](#)

25 Regulation of conduct of passengers.

(1) Regulations may make provision generally as to the conduct of passengers on public service vehicles [^{F8}or tramcars] and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision) for—

- (a) authorising the removal from a public service vehicle [^{F8}or tramcar] of a person infringing the regulations by the driver, inspector or conductor of the vehicle or on the request of the driver, inspector or conductor by a police constable;
- (b) requiring a passenger in a public service vehicle [^{F8}or tramcar] who is reasonably suspected by the driver, inspector or conductor thereof of contravening the regulations to give his name and address to the driver, inspector or conductor on demand;
- (c) requiring a passenger to declare, if so requested by the driver, inspector or conductor, the journey he intends to take or has taken in the vehicle, and to pay the fare for the whole of that journey and to accept any ticket provided therefor;
- (d) requiring, on demand being made for the purpose by the driver, inspector or conductor, production during the journey and surrender at the end of the journey by the holder thereof of any ticket issued to him;
- (e) requiring a passenger, if so requested by the driver, inspector or conductor, to leave the vehicle on the completion of the journey the fare for which he has paid;
- (f) requiring the surrender by the holder thereof on the expiry of the period for which it is issued of a ticket issued to him.

(2) ^{F9}

(3) Subject to section 68(1) of this Act, if a person contravenes, or fails to comply with, a provision of regulations having effect by virtue of this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F10}level 3 on the standard scale].

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- (4) In the application of this section to Scotland, subsection (1)(b) shall have effect as if after the word “address” there were inserted the words “to a police constable or”

Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in s. 25(1) inserted (31.1.1993) by Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42), s. 61(3); S.I. 1992/3144, art. 3, Sch.
F9 S. 25(2) repealed by Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60, SIF 95), s. 119, Sch. 7 Pt. I
F10 Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289G

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 25 applied (with modifications) (21.7.1994) by 1994 c. xv, s. 63(1)
C3 S. 25 applied (with modifications) (1.7.1994) S.I. 1994/1761, art. 25(1)
C4 S. 25 applied (21.7.1994) by 1994 c. xi, s. 47(1)
C5 S. 25(3) restricted (21.7.1994) by 1994 c. xv, s. 55(1)(2)(b)
S. 25(3) restricted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 245, Sch. 17, para. 8(1)(2)(3)(c)(4) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), Sch. Pt. 3

26 Control of number of passengers.

- (1) Regulations may make provision with respect to public service vehicles for—
- the determination by or under the regulations of the number of the seated passengers and standing passengers respectively for whom a vehicle is constructed or adapted and fit to carry;
 - the determination by or under the regulations of the number of such passengers respectively who may be carried in a vehicle;
 - the marks to be carried on a vehicle showing those numbers and the manner in which those marks are to be carried.
- (2) Subject to section 68(1) and (3) of this Act, if a person contravenes, or fails to comply with, a provision of regulations having effect by virtue of this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F11}level 2 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), ss. 39, 46, Sch. 2 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289G

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 26 excluded by Transport Act 1985 (c. 67, SIF 126), s. 12(13)(a)
C7 S. 25 applied (with modifications) (21.7.1994) by 1994 c. xv, s. 63(1)

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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. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by [1982 c. 49 s. 21\(4\)\(b\)](#)