



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Supplementary provisions

[^{F1}79A Small PSVs subject to regulation as private hire vehicles.

- (1) If a small bus is being provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purpose of carrying passengers otherwise than at separate fares, it is not to be regarded as a public service vehicle for the purpose of—
 - (a) Part II of the ^{M1}Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, or
 - (b) any local Act applying in any area in England and Wales which regulates the use of private hire vehicles provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purpose of carrying passengers and excludes public service vehicles from the scope of that regulation.
- (2) If a small bus is being made available with a driver to the public for hire for the purpose of carrying passengers otherwise than at separate fares, it is not to be regarded as a public service vehicle for the purpose of the ^{M2}Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998.
- (3) But subsection (1) or (2) does not apply where the vehicle is being so provided or made available in the course of a business of carrying passengers by motor vehicles all but a small part of which involves the operation of large buses.
- (4) In this section—
 - “small bus” means a public service vehicle within paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1 of this Act; and
 - “large buses” means public service vehicles within paragraph (a) of that subsection.]

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Textual Amendments

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M1 1976 c. 57.

M2 1998 c. 34.

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