



Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 22

PART IV

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Evidence

52 Records.

- (1) A statement to which this section applies is admissible in any proceedings as evidence (or, in Scotland, sufficient evidence) of any fact stated in it with respect to matters prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State to the same extent as oral evidence of that fact is admissible in the proceedings.
- (2) This section applies to a statement contained in a document purporting to be—
 - (a) a part of the records maintained by the Secretary of State in connection with any functions exercisable by him under or by virtue of this Act,
 - (b) a copy of a document forming part of those records, or
 - (c) a note of any information contained in those records,and to be authenticated by a person authorised to do so by the Secretary of State.

[^{F1}(3) In this section as it has effect in England and Wales—

“document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded;

“copy”, in relation to a document, means anything onto which information recorded in the document has been copied, by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly; and

“statement” means any representation of fact, however made.

^{F1}(4) In this section as it has effect in Scotland, “document” and “statement” have the same meanings as in section 17(3) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968, and the reference to a copy of a document shall be construed in accordance with section 17(4) of that Act.

Changes to legislation: Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, Section 52 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

^{F2}(5)

^{F1}(6) Nothing in subsection (4) ^{F3} . . . limits to civil proceedings the references to proceedings in subsection (1).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 52(3)-(6) substituted (31.1.1997) for s. 52(3)-(5) by 1995 c. 38, s. 15(1), **Sch. 1 para. 19** (with ss. 1(3), 6(4)(5), 14); S.I. 1996/3217, **art. 2**
- F2** S. 52(5) repealed (6.9.1999) by S.I. 1997/2983 (N.I. 21), art. 13(2), **Sch. 2** (with art. 12); S.R. 1999/339, **art. 2**
- F3** Words in s. 52(6) repealed (6.9.1999) by S.I. 1997/2983 (N.I. 21), art. 13(2), **Sch. 2** (with art. 12); S.R. 1999/339, **art. 2**

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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. 7(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(5)(za) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(aa) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(6\)](#)
- s. 22(1AA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(9\)](#)
- s. 22(1BA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1N inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(5\)\(e\)\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 20G(2)(za)-(zc) inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(7\)](#)