



# Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 34

### *Miscellaneous and supplementary*

#### **35 References to the owner of a vehicle.**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act the owner of a vehicle shall be taken to be the person by whom it is kept.
- (2) In determining, in the course of any proceedings for an offence under this Act, who was the owner of a vehicle at any time it shall be presumed that the owner was the person who was the registered keeper of the vehicle at that time.
- (3) Notwithstanding that presumption—
  - (a) it is open to the defence to show that the person who was the registered keeper of a vehicle at any particular time was not the person by whom the vehicle was kept at that time; and
  - (b) it is open to the prosecution to prove that the vehicle was kept at that time by some person other than the registered keeper.
- (4) In this section “registered keeper”, in relation to a vehicle, means the person in whose name the vehicle was registered under the <sup>M1</sup>Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 35 in force at 8.3.2004 for specified purposes and 8.4.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/241, art. 2\(1\)](#)

#### **Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1994 c. 22.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998, Section 35.