



# Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 34

### *Regulation of private hire vehicles in London*

#### **9 Fitness of licensed vehicles.**

- (1) A constable or authorised officer has power at all reasonable times to inspect and test, for the purpose of ascertaining its fitness, any vehicle to which a London PHV licence relates.
- (2) If a constable or authorised officer is not satisfied as to the fitness of such a vehicle he may by notice to the owner of the vehicle—
  - (a) require the owner to make the vehicle available for further inspection and testing at such reasonable time and place as may be specified in the notice; and
  - (b) if he thinks fit, suspend the London PHV licence relating to that vehicle until such time as a constable or authorised officer is satisfied as to the fitness of the vehicle.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2)(b) shall state the grounds on which the licence is being suspended and the suspension shall take effect on the day on which it is served on the owner.
- (4) A licence suspended under subsection (2)(b) shall remain suspended until such time as a constable or authorised officer by notice to the owner directs that the licence is again in force.
- (5) If a licence remains suspended at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which a notice under subsection (2)(b) was served on the owner of the vehicle—
  - (a) a constable or authorised officer may by notice to the owner direct that the licence is revoked; and
  - (b) the revocation shall take effect at the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the owner is served with that notice.
- (6) An owner may appeal against a notice under subsection (2)(b) or (5) to a magistrates' court.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998, Section 9. (See end of Document for details)

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 9 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\(1\)](#)

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