

# EQUALITY ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 12: Disabled Persons: Transport**

##### *Chapter 4: Supplementary*

##### *Section 188: Forgery, etc.*

#### **Effect**

599. This section makes it a criminal offence for a person to forge, alter, use, lend, or allow another person to use a public service vehicle accessibility certificate, public service vehicle “type” certificate or any exemption certificate issued in respect of assisting disabled passengers in taxis or carriage of assistance dogs, or to make or have in his possession a document which resembles such a certificate, with intent to deceive. It is also an offence to knowingly make a false statement in order to obtain any of these certificates.

#### **Background**

600. This section replicates the effect of provisions in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.