



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 12

#### DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

#### CHAPTER 1

#### TAXIS, ETC.

#### **170 Assistance dogs in private hire vehicles**

- (1) The operator of a private hire vehicle commits an offence by failing or refusing to accept a booking for the vehicle—
  - (a) if the booking is requested by or on behalf of a disabled person or a person who wishes to be accompanied by a disabled person, and
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(b) the reason for the failure or refusal is—
    - (i) that the disabled person will be accompanied by an assistance dog, or
    - (ii) to prevent the driver of the private hire vehicle being made subject to a duty which would otherwise be imposed on the driver by this section.]
- (2) The operator [<sup>F2</sup>or driver of a private hire vehicle] commits an offence by making [<sup>F3</sup>, or proposing to make,] an additional charge for carrying an assistance dog which is accompanying a disabled person.
- (3) The driver of a private hire vehicle commits an offence by failing or refusing to carry out a booking accepted by the operator—
  - (a) if the booking is made by or on behalf of a disabled person or a person who wishes to be accompanied by a disabled person, and
  - (b) the reason for the failure or refusal is that the disabled person is accompanied by an assistance dog.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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(5) In this section—

“driver” means a person who holds a licence under—

- (a) section 13 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 <sup>F4</sup>...,
- (b) section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 <sup>F5</sup>..., or
- (c) an equivalent provision of a local enactment;

“licensing authority”, in relation to any area in England and Wales, means the authority responsible for licensing private hire vehicles in that area;

<sup>F6</sup> ...  
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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 170(1)(b) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#), 6(2)
- F2** Words in s. 170(2) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#), 6(2)
- F3** Words in s. 170(2) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), 6(2)
- F4** Words in s. 170(5) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#), 6(2)
- F5** Words in s. 170(5) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#), 6(2)
- F6** Words in s. 170(5) omitted (28.6.2022) by virtue of [Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#), 6(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. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)