STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 3144 (C. 99)

METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE DISTRICTS PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2000

Made - - - - *28th November 2000*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(2) of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act $1998(\mathbf{a})$ and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2000.

- (2) In this Order "the Act" means the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998.
- 2. The following provisions of the Act shall come into force on 22nd January 2001— Sections 1, 3, 4(1), (3) and (4), 5(5), 15(1) to (3) and (5), 16(1) and (2), 17 to 20, 21(1) and (3), 22(1) and (4), 23 to 29, 32, 33, 34(1) and (2) and 36 to 38.
- 3. The following provisions of the Act shall come into force on 22nd October 2001— Sections 2, 4(5) and (6), 5(1) to (4), 21(4) and 22(5) and (6).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

28th November 2000

Keith Hill Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

(a) 1998 c. 34. The Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 is extensively amended by section 254 of, and Schedule 21 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force the provisions of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 specified in articles 2 and 3. These provisions have effect only in relation to the licensing of private hire vehicle operators in London.

With effect from 22nd January 2001 article 2 enables applications to be made for a private hire vehicle operator's licence for London ("London PHV operator's licence") and makes provision for the associated licensing regime. By virtue of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Commencement No. 8 and Consequential Provisions) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/ 3145 (C. 100)) the licensing authority is Transport for London.

With effect from 22nd October 2001 article 3 introduces several offences and in particular makes it an offence in London to make provision for the invitation or acceptance of, or accept, private hire bookings without holding a London PHV operator's licence.

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