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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends sections 145, 146 and 162 of the Transport Act 2000 so that, outside Greater London, persons to whom a statutory travel concession permit has been issued by a travel concession authority are entitled to be provided with free bus travel between places in the authority's area.

This Order also amends sections 242(8) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 so that if, immediately before 1st January in a financial year, arrangements are not in place whereby London residents who are disabled or 60 years of age or over are eligible to have free bus travel, a "free travel scheme" shall have effect from 1st April in the next following financial year under section 241 of that Act.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the DVO Policy Unit of the Department for Transport, Zone 5/20, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1P 4DR. The regulatory impact assessment may also be accessed at the Office of Public Sector Information website at [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk).