



# Transport for London Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER i

An Act to confer further powers upon Transport for London; and for related purposes. [22nd May 2008]

WHEREAS—

- (1) It is expedient that the powers of Transport for London should be extended and amended as provided in this Act:
- (2) It is expedient that further provision be made in relation to schemes for road user charging made by Transport for London:
- (3) It is expedient that further provision be made about London cabs and private hire vehicles:
- (4) It is expedient that provision be made enabling fixed penalty notices to be served in respect of certain offences relating to London cabs:
- (5) It is expedient that further provision be made about penalty fares in London:
- (6) It is expedient that Transport for London should have further powers in respect of anti-social behaviour orders for the protection of persons on or near premises or vehicles used for transport services provided by, or under arrangement with, Transport for London:
- (7) It is expedient that further provision should be made in relation to GLA roads and street management:
- (8) It is expedient that Transport for London should have power to make arrangements for risk mitigation:
- (9) It is expedient that Transport for London should have further powers to acquire land:
- (10) It is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be enacted:
- (11) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:
- (12) In relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act Transport for London has complied with the requirements of section 167 of, and Schedule 13 to, the Greater London Authority Act [1999 \(c. 29\)](#):

May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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## PART 1

### PRELIMINARY

#### 1 Citation and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Transport for London Act 2008 and, except for—  
sections 17 to 21 and Schedules 1 and 2 (fixed penalties);  
section 23 (production of London PHV driver's badge);  
section 24 (return of licences etc. on suspension or revocation);  
section 25 (obligation of London operators to keep records); and  
section 27 (penalty fare levels),  
shall come into operation at the end of the period of two months beginning with the date on which it is passed.
- (2) The provisions mentioned in subsection (1) shall come into operation on the appointed day.

#### 2 General interpretation

In this Act—

- “the 1980 Act” means the Highways Act 1980 (c. 66);  
“the 1998 Act” means the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (c. 34);  
“the 1999 Act” means the Greater London Authority Act 1999;  
“enactment” includes any instrument made under an Act;  
“local authority” means—  
(a) a London borough council; or  
(b) the Common Council of the City of London;  
“Mayor” means the Mayor of London;  
“subsidiary” has the meaning given by section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46); and  
“TfL” means Transport for London.

#### 3 Appointed day

- (1) In subsection (2) of section 1 (citation and commencement) of this Act “the appointed day” means such day as may be fixed by a decision of TfL, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) Different days may be fixed under this section for different provisions.
- (3) No day fixed under this section may be before the end of the period of two months beginning with the date on which this Act is passed.
- (4) TfL shall cause to be published in a newspaper circulating in London and in the London Gazette notice—  
(a) of the taking of any such decision and of a day fixed thereby; and  
(b) of the general effect of the provisions of this Act coming into operation as from that day,

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and the day so fixed shall not be earlier than the expiration of three months from the publication of the notice or, if it is published on two days, from the later of those days.

- (5) Either a photostatic or other reproduction certified by the officer appointed for that purpose by TfL to be a reproduction of a page or part of a page of any such newspaper or the London Gazette bearing the date of its publication and containing any such notice shall be evidence of the publication of the notice and of the date of publication.

## **PART 2**

### **ROAD USER CHARGING**

#### **4 Interpretation of Part 2**

Expressions used in this Part and in Schedule 23 to the 1999 Act have the same meaning in this Part as in that Schedule.

#### **5 Contravention of requirement of TfL scheme**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a TfL scheme may provide that any person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes or fails to comply with any specified requirement of the scheme shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine for each offence not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale or not exceeding a lesser amount; but such a provision—
- (a) shall not have effect unless and until it has been approved by the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) shall not apply in relation to anything done before the provision comes into effect.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not authorise the creation of an offence which consists only of—
- (a) a failure to pay a charge or penalty charge imposed by a TfL scheme, or
  - (b) any other contravention or failure to comply with a requirement of a TfL scheme for which a penalty charge imposed by or under regulations made under paragraph 12 of Schedule 23 to the 1999 Act is payable.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall affect the operation of section 8 (failure to notify changes in eligibility for exemptions etc.) or paragraph 25 or 27 of Schedule 23 to the 1999 Act (specific offences relating to road user charging).

#### **6 Extension of power to include enforcement provisions in TfL scheme**

- (1) Notwithstanding paragraph 31 of Schedule 23 to the 1999 Act, a TfL scheme may authorise—
- (a) the examination, for any purpose relating to or connected with a TfL scheme, of a motor vehicle found in a charging area, or
  - (b) the fitting of an immobilisation device to, or the removal of, a motor vehicle found in such an area,
- at a time at which the vehicle is on a public off-street parking place as well as at a time at which the vehicle is on a road.

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- (2) The powers conferred by the Charges and Penalty Charges Regulations on TfL, or for a TfL scheme to make provision for TfL, to examine, enter, immobilise or remove any vehicle which is on a road are also exercisable in respect of any vehicle which is on a public off-street parking place.
- (3) Accordingly, the Charges and Penalty Charges Regulations, so far as they relate to TfL or a TfL scheme, shall have effect as if—
  - (a) the reference in regulation 8(1) to a vehicle which is on a road included a reference to a vehicle which is on a public off-street parking place;
  - (b) the references in regulations 10(1) and 12(1) to a vehicle which is stationary on a road in a charging area included references to a vehicle which is stationary on a public off-street parking place in a charging area;
  - (c) the references in regulations 10(1)(a) and 12(1)(a) to “that road” were references to a road in a charging area; and
  - (d) the reference in regulation 10(2)(b) to “another place on that road or another road” were a reference to another place on a road.
- (4) TfL may not enter a public off-street parking place for the purpose of exercising any powers conferred on TfL by the Charges and Penalty Charges Regulations, or a TfL scheme, by virtue of this section to examine, enter, immobilise or remove any vehicle there without obtaining the prior consent of the operator.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) an operator’s consent may be given to enter a public off-street parking place—
  - (a) on a specific occasion; or
  - (b) generally.
- (6) An operator’s consent required under subsection (4) is not to be unreasonably withheld but may be given subject to any reasonable conditions.
- (7) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (6), it is reasonable for consent to be given subject to conditions requiring TfL to reimburse the operator in respect of any loss of revenue, damage or other liability sustained as a result of the immobilisation or removal of any vehicle by TfL or the taking by TfL of any other action by virtue of this section.
- (8) The owner, keeper or driver of a vehicle in a public off-street parking place which is immobilised or removed in accordance with the Charges and Penalty Charges Regulations, as they have effect in accordance with this section, shall not be required by the operator to pay any car parking charges or penalty additional to those already paid, or due to be paid, to the operator at the time that the vehicle was immobilised or removed.
- (9) Where the powers conferred by the Charges and Penalty Charges Regulations are exercised pursuant to this section the notice required by regulation 10(3) shall summarise the effects of subsection (8).
- (10) Unless the operator and TfL agree otherwise, TfL shall (whether or not conditions are imposed under subsection (6)) reimburse the operator in respect of any losses sustained as a result of the operation of subsection (8).
- (11) Consent to enter a public off-street parking place on a specific occasion shall be deemed to have been given unconditionally for the purposes of subsection (4) if—

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- (a) TfL has served a notice on the operator asking for consent to enter on that occasion and summarising the effect of subsections (8) and (10); and
  - (b) the operator fails within 14 days of the service of the notice to give TfL notice of his consent (whether or not subject to conditions) or his refusal to give it.
- (12) At least 7 days before entering a public off-street parking place in accordance with subsection (11) TfL shall take reasonable steps to ascertain whether the operator has received the notice served under subsection (11)(a).
- (13) Any question whether consent is unreasonably withheld or is given subject to reasonable conditions shall be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be appointed, in default of agreement, by the President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- (14) In this section—
  - (a) “the Charges and Penalty Charges Regulations” means the Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001 ([S.I. 2001/2285](#));
  - (b) “public off-street parking place” means a place, whether above or below ground and whether or not consisting of or including buildings, where off-street parking accommodation is made available by a local authority or any other person to the public (whether or not for payment); and
  - (c) any reference to the operator of such a parking place is a reference to the local authority or other person making such parking accommodation at the parking place so available.

## **7 Power to suspend TfL scheme**

Where it appears to TfL to be desirable or expedient TfL may suspend or partially suspend the operation of a TfL scheme for such period or periods as TfL thinks fit.

## **8 Failure to notify changes in eligibility for exemptions etc.**

- (1) This section applies where a TfL scheme—
  - (a) makes provision for the maintenance of a register of non-chargeable, reduced rate and qualifying person’s motor vehicles for the purposes of provisions in the scheme relating to—
    - (i) exemptions from charge,
    - (ii) the application of reduced rates of charge, or
    - (iii) the imposition of limits on the charges payable,in the case of any particular class of motor vehicles or descriptions of persons; and
  - (b) requires the registered keeper of the motor vehicle or qualifying person in relation to whom particulars of the vehicle are entered on the register to notify TfL if the vehicle has ceased to be a non-chargeable vehicle, a reduced rate vehicle or a qualifying person’s vehicle for the purposes of those provisions.
- (2) In subsection (1) “qualifying person”, in relation to a TfL scheme, means a person who qualifies for an exemption from charge, a reduced rate of charge or a limit on the charge payable.