STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 19

DISABLED PERSONS

The Disability Discrimination (Private Hire Vehicles) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - - 16th January 2008
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 37A(8)(b) and (9) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**1**):

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Disability Discrimination (Private Hire Vehicles) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation for the purposes of—

(a) this regulation and regulation 2(1) on 28th February 2008; and

(b) all other provisions on 1st June 2008.

(2) In these Regulations "the 1995 Act" means the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**2**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Notices of exemption

2.—(1) The prescribed notice of exemption for the purposes of section 37A(8)(b) of the 1995 Act shall be the notice set out in the Schedule.

(2) The prescribed manner of exhibiting a notice of exemption for the purposes of section 37A(8)(b) of the 1995 Act shall be—

(a) by displaying it—

(i) on the nearside of, and immediately behind, the windscreen of the private hire vehicle facing outwards; and

(**1**) 1995 c. 50; section 37A was inserted by section 1(1) of the Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Act 2002 (c. 37) and modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 21A of Schedule 8 (paragraph 21A was inserted by section 1(2) of that Act); *see* section 68(1) as substituted by paragraph 47(1) of the said Schedule 8 for the definition of "prescribed" and "regulations"

(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(ii) in a manner that readily permits its removal; and

(b) so that—

(i) its front is clearly visible from the outside of the private hire vehicle; and

(ii) its back is clearly visible from the driver's seat of the private hire vehicle.

Prescribed charities

3. Each of the following is a prescribed charity for the purposes of the definition of an assistance dog in section 37A(9) of the 1995 Act—

(a) "Dogs for the Disabled" registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1092960;

(b) "Support Dogs" registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1088281; and

(c) "Canine Partners for Independence" registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 803680.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 16th January 2008.

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