1978 No. 394

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *20th December* 1978

Coming into operation . . . . . *1st February* 1979

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1979.

2. Subsection (1) of section 2 of the Act shall have effect as if in the Table in that subsection in item 6 the age of 18 were substituted for the age of 21 in relation to a motor vehicle driven by a constable for the purpose of removing or avoiding obstruction to other road users or danger to other road users or members of the public, for the purpose of safeguarding property, including the motor vehicle and its load, for other similar purposes or for police purposes.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 20th December 1978.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

By reducing the age to 18 in the circumstances specified in Regulation 2 a policeman under 21 is exempted by virtue of Regulation 23(1)(*p*) of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970, S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 40 from the requirement to hold a heavy goods vehicle driver's licence.

(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1976/581 (N.I. 11) Art. 3
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(*b*) (II, p. 2992)