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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Driving Licences

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH DECEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTIONS 4, 15 AND 189 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by sections 4, 15 and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1975.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**) shall have effect as though after Regulation 5 there were inserted the following regulation:

"**5A.** Epilepsy is prescribed for the purpose of section 4(2)(*d*) of the Act and an applicant for a licence suffering from epilepsy shall satisfy the conditions that—

(*a*) he shall have been free from any epileptic attack whilst awake for at least three years from the date when the licence is to have effect;

(*b*) in the case of an applicant who has had such attacks whilst asleep during that period he shall have been subject to such attacks whilst asleep but not whilst awake since before the beginning of that period;

(*c*) the driving of a vehicle by him in pursuance of the licence is not likely to be a source of danger to the public.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland this 10th day of December 1974.

(L.S.)

B. D. Palmer,
Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) 1970. c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1973, No. 1229 (N.I. 17).
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 42.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 by prescribing the conditions subject to which suitably-controlled epileptics may be issued with a driving licence.