tions entitled the Public Service Vehicles Regulations, 1927, (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations "), relative to the licensing and regulation of Public Service Vehicles and matters incident thereto :

And whereas on the 20th day of December, 1927, the said Ministry in further pursuance of the said provisions made Regulations entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1927, amending in certain respects the principal Regulations :

And whereas it appears expedient to the said Ministry that the principal Regulations should be further amended in manner hereinafter appearing :

Now therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, hereby makes the following regulations :

1. Article 17 (4) of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if there were added thereto the following words :—

" And in the case of a public service vehicle specially " chartered for the conveyance of children to or from school " any four children under the age of fourteen years shall be " regarded as three persons, provided that in no circum- " stances shall any child be permitted to stand in any part " of the vehicle."

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1928, and shall be construed as one with the principal Regulations and the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1927.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Tenth day of April, 1928.

D. L. Clarke,
(L.S.) Assistant Secretary.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 1928, DATED 10TH DECEMBER, 1928, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1928. No. 127.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the provisions of Part II. of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland made Regulations entitled the Public Service Vehicles Regulations, 1927 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations "), relative to the licensing and regulation of Public Service Vehicles and matters incidental thereto :

And whereas on the 20th day of December, 1927, and on the 10th day of April, 1928, respectively, the said Ministry in further pursuance of the said provisions made Regulations entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1927, and the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1928, amending in certain respects the principal Regulations :

And whereas it appears expedient to the said Ministry that further conditions for the grant of licences for public service vehicles shall be prescribed and that the principal Regulations shall be further amended in manner hereinafter appearing :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part II. of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, hereby prescribes and makes the following conditions and regulations :—

(1) The owner of an omnibus shall not use or employ the vehicle or permit the vehicle to be used or employed to stand or ply for hire or to carry passengers for hire unless a permit (hereinafter called " the route card ") indicating the route upon which the vehicle is to be used shall be displayed thereon in a prominent position at or near the holder containing the Road Fund Licence granted in respect of the vehicle, and shall not use or permit the same to be used except upon a route for which a route card has been granted : Provided that this regulation shall not apply in any case where an omnibus is hired for a specific sum or at a specific rate per seat by an organised party, or is used to stand and ply for hire for particular tours and returns its passengers to the point from which they started, each of such passengers paying the full fare for the complete journey made by the vehicle.

(2) The route card shall in all cases be clearly visible at all times by daylight to a person standing at the near side of the vehicle, and if affixed to the outside of the vehicle it shall be adequately protected from damage or defacement by the weather.

(3) Every route card shall be provided by the Licensing Officer but shall not be granted to any licensee until he has given to the Ministry an undertaking that the service in respect of which it is granted will be operated in accordance with a schedule or schedules or amended schedule or schedules both of times and fares approved by the Ministry and for the time being in force.

The Ministry may from time to time make such amendment in the schedule or schedules as occasion requires. Where the Ministry is satisfied that the

service in respect of which any such route card has been granted is not being maintained in accordance with such undertaking, the grant of such route card may be revoked.

(4) The licensee of every omnibus plying on a route for which a route card has or route cards have been granted to him shall cause to be exhibited in a convenient and conspicuous position in the omnibus a statement (hereinafter called a "time table") showing in legible letters and figures the approved schedule of the times at which his vehicle is or vehicles are to be operated.

(5) The licensee of an omnibus shall not transfer or assign any route card granted to him, and in the event of a licensee ceasing to operate an omnibus service or any portion of a service for which a route card has or route cards have been granted he shall return immediately such route card or route cards respectively to the Licensing Officer.

(6) The licensee of any omnibus shall not, except with the written consent of the Belfast Corporation, permit such vehicle to be used for picking up any passenger within the City of Belfast or within a quarter of a mile of the boundary thereof and setting such passenger down within the limits of such area: Provided that where any tramway line on any route extends beyond the City boundary the licensee of any omnibus, save with such consent as aforesaid, shall not permit such vehicle to be used to pick up and set down any passenger within the limits of the first mentioned area or within a quarter of a mile of such tramway line. Where consent as aforesaid is given a copy thereof shall be forwarded by the Corporation to the Ministry: Provided always that if the service afforded by the tramway undertaking of the Belfast Corporation is not in the opinion of the Ministry adequate and satisfactory, the Ministry, notwithstanding any consent or refusal of the Belfast Corporation to permit any vehicle to be used as aforesaid, may direct the Licensing Officer to issue licences to such persons and in respect of such omnibuses as it may deem necessary to ply for hire within the aforesaid area.

(7) The principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if after Article 46, paragraph (*b*), there were inserted the following words:—

Provided that in its application to any area for which stopping places have been prescribed by Bye-laws made in pursuance of Section 18 (1) (*d*) of the

Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, nothing in this Regulation shall authorise any such vehicle to stop to take up or set down passengers except at such prescribed stopping places.

(8) The principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if in Article 2 (*a*) the words " which shall include the premises of a railway station " were inserted after the words " public place."

(9) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1928, and shall be construed as one with the principal Regulations.

(10) These Regulations shall come into force on the Seventeenth day of December, 1928.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Tenth day of December, 1928.

Geo. A. Harris,
Secretary.

(L.S.)

Roads Improvement: General Regulations.

THE ROADS IMPROVEMENT REGULATIONS, 1928, DATED THE 20TH JULY, 1928, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

1928. No. 72.

To the Council of each Administrative County in Northern Ireland :

To the Council of each Urban District in Northern Ireland ; and
To all others whom it may concern :

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Roads Improvement Act (Northern Ireland), 1928, and of every other power in this behalf enabling the Ministry hereby makes and prescribes the following Regulations :—

Preliminary.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Roads Improvement Regulations, 1928.