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THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1931, DATED 21ST MAY, 1931, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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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, the 10th day of April and the 10th day of December, 1928, respectively, the Ministry in further pursuance of the said provisions made regulations entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1927, the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1928, and the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1928, amending in certain respects the principal Regulations :

And whereas it appears expedient to the said Ministry that the principal Regulations should be further amended and that the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1927, and the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1928, should also be 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. The second schedule to the principal Regulations, Article 1 of the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1927, and Article 8 of the Public Service Vehicles Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1928, are hereby revoked.

2. Article 1 (2) of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if the following words were added thereto :—

(*h*) The expression "public place" shall include the premises of a railway or omnibus station.

3. Article 2 of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if the words " which is licensed under paragraph 6 of the second schedule to the Finance Act, 1920 " were omitted therefrom.

4. Article 11 of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if the following proviso were added to the first paragraph thereof :—

Provided that in the case of a motor hackney carriage which is not used to stand or ply for hire in any street road or public place, the Inspector of Public Service Vehicles shall cause the plate and mark or marks to be fixed in such position on the vehicle, not being a conspicuous position, as he deems suitable.

5. Article 35 of the principal Regulations is hereby revoked and the following Regulation shall be substituted therefor :—

35. The owner of a public service vehicle, other than a motor hackney carriage which is not used to stand or ply for hire in a street road or public place, shall not use or employ the vehicle as such or suffer it to be so used or employed unless :—

(*a*) the number of persons which the vehicle is licensed to carry is clearly and legibly painted in a conspicuous position on the outside thereof :

(*b*) his name and address is painted in legible letters in a conspicuous position on the near or left side of the vehicle :

(*c*) A statement (hereinafter called a " fares board ") in legible letters and figures of the fares or rates to be paid by persons using the same is exhibited in a convenient and conspicuous position in or on the vehicle.

Provided that this sub-article (c) shall not apply to any motor hackney carriage while standing or plying for hire within a district for which fares have not been fixed by the local authority under Section 18 (1) of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1926, or any other enactment.

6. Article 47 (1) of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect as if the following proviso were added thereto :—

Provided that in the case of a motor hackney carriage which is not used to stand or ply for hire on any street road or public place it shall not be necessary for the driver of such vehicle to wear the badge attached to his outer clothing but such badge shall remain in his possession and be readily available for inspection.

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1931, and shall be construed as one with the principal Regulations.