Public Service Vehicles.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1932, DATED FIRST DAY OF JUNE, 1932, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1932. No. 51.

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 incident thereto :

And whereas the principal Regulations have been amended from time to time :

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. The owner, driver, or conductor of a public service vehicle shall not cause or permit any trailer to be drawn by such vehicle : Provided that this regulation shall not apply to the drawing of one empty public service vehicle by another empty public service vehicle in case of emergency.

2. Article 13 (*c*) of the principal regulations is hereby revoked and the following shall be substituted therefor :—

"(*c*) The licensee shall cause the public service vehicle and all its fittings and furniture to be maintained and kept in good order and repair and shall take all practicable means to secure that all parts of the mechanism, including the brakes, are free from defects and in efficient working order ; that the inside and outside of the body and all other parts of the vehicle are kept clean, and the whole ready and efficient for the purpose of hire, and, subject to the provisions of any regulations or bye-laws to the contrary, shall not suffer any printed, written or other matter to appear on the outside or inside of the vehicle : Provided that in the case of an omnibus the prohibition contained in this paragraph in regard to printed, written or other matter shall not apply when the approval of the Licensing Officer has been obtained to such matter."

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article 17 (4) of the principal regulations the following provisions shall have effect in the undermentioned cases :—

(*a*) In the case of an omnibus specially hired for the conveyance of children to or from the sea-side or for the purpose of a tour or journey to any place or through any district, any three children under the age of fourteen years shall be regarded as two persons if such children are accompanied by one adult when the number of children travelling does not exceed thirty, and two adults when such number exceeds thirty. No child shall be permitted to stand in any part of the vehicle.

(*b*) In the case of a public service vehicle specially hired 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 circumstances shall any child be permitted to stand in any part of the vehicle.

(*c*) The conductor, or where there is no conductor, the driver of a public service vehicle, shall not permit any breach of this Regulation.

4. Article 18 of the principal regulations is hereby revoked, and the following Article shall be substituted therefor :—

"**18.** If any policy of insurance or security issued under the provisions of Part II of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, in respect of a public service vehicle ceases to have effect during the currency of any public service vehicle licence granted in respect of such vehicle the licensee shall immediately send notice thereof in writing to the Licensing Officer of the County in which such vehicle was licensed, and the licence so issued shall be deemed suspended as from the date the policy or security, as the case may be, ceases to have effect until such time as the licensee satisfies the Licensing Officer that another such policy or security is in force as respects the vehicle."

5. Article 37 of the principal regulations shall be read and have effect as if the words "where the vehicle is fitted with pneumatic tyres" were omitted therefrom.

6. Article 38 of the principal regulations shall be read and have effect as if the words "a public service vehicle" were substituted for the words "an omnibus" and as if the following words were added at the end thereof :—

"The owner of an omnibus shall cause the vehicle to be always provided with two suitable hatchets approved by the

"Licensing Officer, one of which shall be carried inside the vehicle in an easily accessible position, and the other shall be carried outside the vehicle in such a position that it will be readily available in case of emergency."

7. Article 39 (1) of the principal regulations shall be read and have effect as if the word "or" in the fourth line thereof were deleted and the word "and" substituted therefor.

8. Article 44 of the principal regulations shall be read and have effect as if the word "closed" were omitted therefrom and the following words were added at the end thereof :—

"The petrol tank of any public service vehicle shall not be filled nor shall any filler cap thereof be removed while the engine is running."

9. Article 3 of the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1928, is hereby revoked, and the following Article shall be substituted therefor :—

"**3.** Every route card shall be provided by the Licensing Officer, and every service in respect of which a route card has been granted shall be operated in accordance with a schedule or schedules, or amended schedule or schedules, of times (hereinafter called a time-table), approved by the Ministry and for the time being in force.

The Ministry may from time to time make such amendment in the time-table or time-tables 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 operated in accordance with such schedule or schedules, the grant of such route card may be revoked."

10. Article 4 of the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1928, is hereby revoked, and the following Article shall be substituted therefor :

"**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 clear and legible copy of the time-table or clear and legible copies of the time-tables approved by the Ministry for that route."

11. Article 52 of the principal regulations shall be read and have effect as if the following paragraph were added thereto :—

"(*c*) Every passenger who shall, while travelling in a public service vehicle, infringe any of these regulations shall leave the vehicle if requested by the conductor, or, if there be no conductor, by the driver, and if he

refuses to do so may be removed by any police officer or constable or by the licensee or owner, or the conductor or driver of the vehicle, or by any authorised employee of the licensee or owner."

12. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 1932, and shall be construed as one with the principal Regulations.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this First day of June in the year One thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-two.

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Public Service Vehicles (Construction).

THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS, 1932, DATED THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 1932, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1932. No. 68.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the provisions of Part II. of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, made Regulations entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations, 1927, relative to the manner in which public service vehicles are to be furnished and fitted and for ensuring their fitness for public hire and the safety of their passengers :

And whereas it is expedient that the application of the said Regulations should be modified and that further Regulations as hereinafter set forth should be made :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in it by the abovementioned enactment, and of all other powers in that behalf enabling the said Ministry, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations, 1932, and shall be read and construed with the Public Service Vehicles Regulations, 1927, and any amendments thereof :

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1932, and shall apply to all public service vehicles licensed for the first time under Section 11 of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926,