STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1980 No. 111

## ROAD TRAFFIC

## The Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) (England and Wales) Order 1980

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| *Laid before Parliament* | 8*th February* 1980 |
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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 5 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

**1.** This order may be cited as the Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) (England and Wales) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1980.

**2.** Subject to Article 4 of this order, in the proviso to section 154(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(**b**) (which provides that the maximum amount of payments by authorised insurers or owners of vehicles under the subsection for hospital treatment of traffic casualties shall be £200 for each person treated as an in-patient and £20 for each person treated as an out-patient) for the sum of £200 there shall be substituted the sum of £1,250 and for the sum of £20 there shall be substituted the sum of £125.

**3.** Subject to Article 4 of this order, in section 155(1) of the said Act of 1972 (which provides a fee of £1·25 for emergency treatment of traffic casualties and a sum of 2½ new pence for each mile in excess of two covered by a practitioner who carries out such treatment) for the sum of £1·25 there shall be substituted the sum of £6·75 and for the sum of 2½ new pence there shall be substituted the sum of 16 new pence.

**4.** This order shall apply only where an accident giving rise to the death or bodily injury in respect of which a payment is made under the said section 154, or claimed under the said section 155, occurred after the coming into operation of this order.

*Patrick Jenkin,*
Secretary of State for Social Services.

31st January 1980.

(**a**) 1968 c. 14.

(**b**) 1972 c. 20.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This order varies the maximum amounts payable under sections 154(1) and 155(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972. The maximum amounts payable for hospital treatment are increased to £1,250 for persons treated as in-patients and £125 for persons treated as out-patients. For emergency treatment the fee is increased to £6·75 and the amount per mile in excess of two covered by a practitioner to provide such treatment is increased to 16 new pence. The variations apply only in respect of accidents occurring on or after 1st April 1980.