



Transport Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 67

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Taxis and hire cars

16 Taxi licensing: control of numbers.

The provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 with respect to hackney carriages, as incorporated in any enactment (whenever passed), shall [^{F1}(subject to section 161 of the Equality Act 2010)] have effect—

- (a) as if in section 37, the words “such number of” and “as they think fit” were omitted; and
- (b) as if they provided that the grant of a licence may be refused, for the purpose of limiting the number of hackney carriages in respect of which licences are granted, if, but only if, the person authorised to grant licences is satisfied that there is no significant demand for the services of hackney carriages (within the area to which the licence would apply) which is unmet.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 16 inserted (1.10.2010 for specified purposes) by [Equality Act 2010 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 161(3), 216(3)** (with **ss. 6(4), 205**); [S.I. 2010/2317](#), **art. 2(12)(a)** (with **art. 15**)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 16 excluded (1.10.2010 for specified purposes) by [Equality Act 2010 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 161(2), 216(3)** (with **ss. 6(4), 205**); [S.I. 2010/2317](#), **art. 2(12)(a)** (with **art. 15**)

Changes to legislation:

Transport Act 1985, Section 16 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 6(2ZA) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 37\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 6(7ZA) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 37\(2\)\(b\)](#)