



Equality Act 2010

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PART 12

DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 1

TAXIS, ETC.

170 Assistance dogs in private hire vehicles

- (1) The operator of a private hire vehicle commits an offence by failing or refusing to accept a booking for the vehicle—
 - (a) if the booking is requested by or on behalf of a disabled person or a person who wishes to be accompanied by a disabled person, and
 - (b) the reason for the failure or refusal is that the disabled person will be accompanied by an assistance dog.
- (2) The operator commits an offence by making an additional charge for carrying an assistance dog which is accompanying a disabled person.
- (3) The driver of a private hire vehicle commits an offence by failing or refusing to carry out a booking accepted by the operator—
 - (a) if the booking is made by or on behalf of a disabled person or a person who wishes to be accompanied by a disabled person, and
 - (b) the reason for the failure or refusal is that the disabled person is accompanied by an assistance dog.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (5) In this section—

“driver” means a person who holds a licence under—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) section 13 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (“the 1998 Act”),
- (b) section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (“the 1976 Act”), or
- (c) an equivalent provision of a local enactment;
“licensing authority”, in relation to any area in England and Wales, means the authority responsible for licensing private hire vehicles in that area;
“operator” means a person who holds a licence under—
 - (a) section 3 of the 1998 Act,
 - (b) section 55 of the 1976 Act, or
 - (c) an equivalent provision of a local enactment;“private hire vehicle” means a vehicle licensed under—
 - (a) section 6 of the 1998 Act,
 - (b) section 48 of the 1976 Act, or
 - (c) an equivalent provision of a local enactment.