EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 37A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 imposes requirements on licensed private hire vehicle drivers and operators in relation to carrying an assistance dog, without additional charge, when it accompanies a disabled person. It also provides that a private hire vehicle driver may be exempted from this obligation on medical grounds.

Regulation 2 amends the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Private Hire Vehicles)(Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.)(England and Wales) Regulations 2003 in respect of the manner in which the exemption notice should be displayed by the exempted private hire vehicle driver and the wording on the back of the exemption notice. The notice must be displayed on the windscreen; display on the dashboard is no longer permitted.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities or voluntary bodies.