

Tyres (Buses and Coaches) Bill

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Introduce limits on the age of tyres on buses and coaches; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Certificate of tyre fitness

- (1) The Secretary of State shall make regulations providing that tyre age be examined as part of the annual vehicle test carried out under section 45 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and regulations made under it and that the presence of any tyres of ten or more years of age be cause for failure of the test. 5
- (2) Such regulations shall require—
- (a) that the vehicle examiner inform the relevant traffic commissioner for the area in which the operator of the vehicle is licensed of the failure of the vehicle test on these grounds;
 - (b) that the vehicle examiners record the age of every tyre checked as part of the annual test in a form to be specified by the Secretary of State; 10
 - (c) that traffic commissioners make such information available for the purposes of gathering national statistics about tyre age and condition;
 - (d) that the Secretary of State specify any exemptions to the regulations.

2 Conditions attached to licenses 15

- (1) Section 16 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection 3 insert—
- “(3A) A traffic commissioner must attach to every Public Service Vehicle operator’s licence granted by him the condition that the tyres in use on any vehicles licensed to the operator must be no more than ten years of age.” 20

3 Review

The Secretary of State must review the operation of, and undertake an evaluation of the impacts of this Act, 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, and lay a report before Parliament.

4 Regulations

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(1) Any power to make regulations under this Act is exercisable by statutory instrument.

(2) A statutory instrument containing regulations under section 1 may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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5 Interpretation

In this Act –

“public service vehicle” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981;

“traffic commissioner” has the meaning given under section 4 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.

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6 Financial provisions

(1) *There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament –*

(a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, or by a government department, and*

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(b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

(2) *There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any sums received by a government department by virtue of this Act and any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other enactment.*

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7 Short title, commencement and extent

(1) This Act may be cited as the Tyres (Buses and Coaches) Act 2018.

(2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland only.

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