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Make provision for the use of electric personal vehicles on highways.

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 Use of self-balancing electric personal vehicles on highways

(1) In the case of a vehicle which is a two-wheeled, self-balancing electric personal vehicle—

- (a) no statutory provision prohibiting or restricting the use of footways shall prohibit or restrict the use of that vehicle on a footway; 5
- (b) it shall be treated for the purposes of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Road Traffic Act 1988 (except section 22A of that Act (causing danger to road users by interfering with motor vehicles etc)) and the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 as not being a motor vehicle; 10
- (c) sections 1 to 4, 21, 34, 163, 170 and 181 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 shall not apply to it; and
- (d) it shall be exempted from the requirements of section 83 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

(2) In this section—

“footway” means a way which is a footway, footpath or bridleway within the meaning of the Highways Act 1980 or is a restricted byway within the meaning of Part 2 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; and in its application to Scotland means a way over which the public has a right of passage on foot only or a bridleway within the meaning of section 47 of the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967; 15

“self-balancing electric personal vehicle” means a small, electric vehicle equipped with gyroscopic sensors designed to carry one person; and 20

“statutory provision” means a provision contained in, or having effect under, any enactment.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

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(1) This Act shall apply to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- (2) This Act shall come into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Electric Personal Vehicles (Use on Highways) Act 2012.

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Lord McColl of Dulwich

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