

Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill

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An Act of the Scottish Parliament to reduce the general speed limit on restricted roads to 20 miles per hour; and for connected purposes.

1 Reduction of the general speed limit on restricted roads

For section 81(1) of the 1984 Act (General speed limit for restricted roads) substitute—

5 “(1) It shall not be lawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.”.

2 Power of Scottish Ministers to vary the general speed limit on restricted roads

For section 81(2) of the 1984 Act (Power to vary speed limit) substitute—

10 “(2) The Scottish Ministers may by order increase or reduce the speed limit for the time being specified in subsection (1).”.

3 Simplified procedure for certain consequential orders

In schedule 6 to the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (Simplified procedure for certain local authority traffic orders), after paragraph 1(10) insert—

15 “(10A) An order the effect of which appears necessary or expedient to the order making authority as a consequence of the coming into force of an amendment to the speed limit for restricted roads specified in section 81(1) of the 1984 Act, provided that the effect of the order is not an increase of the speed limit which would apply to any road if the order was not made.”.

4 Interpretation

20 In this Act, “the 1984 Act” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5 Commencement

- (1) Sections 1 and 2 come into force at the end of the period of 18 months beginning with the day of Royal Assent or on such earlier date as the Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, appoint.
- 5 (2) The other provisions of this Act come into force on the day after Royal Assent.

6 Short title

The short title of this Act is the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Act 2018.

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