1980 No. 50

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . 15th February 1980

Coming into operation . . . 1st April 1980

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1980.

Revocation

2. The Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for Treatment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969(**c**) is hereby revoked.

Variation of amount to be paid for hospital treatment

3. Subject to Article 4, in section 84(1) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**d**) (which in specified circumstances imposes on certain insurers of motor vehicles liability to pay an amount not exceeding two hundred pounds in respect of expenses incurred by a hospital in treating a person injured as a result of the use of such a vehicle) for the words "two hundred pounds" substitute the words "£1,250".

4. This order shall apply only where the accident giving rise to the death or bodily injury in respect of which a payment is made under the said section 84 occurred after the coming into operation of this order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 15th February 1980.

(L.S.) *E. A. Simpson*
Assistant Secretary

(a) 1968 c. 8 (N.I.)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Article 5(*b*) (II, p. 2992)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 59 (p. 243)
(d) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) Article 109(1) and Schedule 16

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order increases from £200 to £1,250 the maximum amount to be paid by an insurer of a motor vehicle for hospital in-patient treatment of each road traffic casualty in respect of whose death or injury the insurer has made a payment to which section 84 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 applies. The increase applies only in respect of accidents occurring on or after 1st April 1980.