1982 No. 356 (C. 9)

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (1982 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . 1st November 1982

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1 of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1982(**a**) and paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (1982 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982.

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 shall be 31st January 1983.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 1st November 1982.

(L.S.) *J. M. Irvine*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1982/157 (N.I. 3)
(**b**) 1974 c. 28

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1982.

Article 3 empowers the Department of the Environment to make regulations requiring, subject to prescribed exceptions, persons travelling in motor vehicles on a road to wear a seat belt.

Article 4 prohibits a person driving with a child under the age of 14 in the front of a motor vehicle unless the child is wearing a seat belt in accordance with regulations which may be made by said Department. Those regulations may provide exceptions to the requirement.

An offence under either of these Articles carries a penalty of a maximum £50 fine.