

# Road Safety Bill 2005

Clause 18 – Speed limit exemption

# 2005 Bill

- Almost the same as the 2004 one
- Was 116 Pages, 48 Clauses and 5 schedules
- Now 138 Pages, 59 Clauses and 7 schedules
- Some alteration in wording since last year

# Speed limit exemption

- Clause 18 of the Bill
- Amends s 87 RTRA 1984
- Needs a Commencement Order to come into effect
- Clause also deals with aspects of training and training providers

# Changes to what we have all know for years

- Current police exemption for instruction
- Current exemption to speed limits expanded (covers more people)
- Does NOT affect other legislative restraints (eg Red Traffic light exemption)
- Introduces compulsory training arrangements

# Speed limit exemption

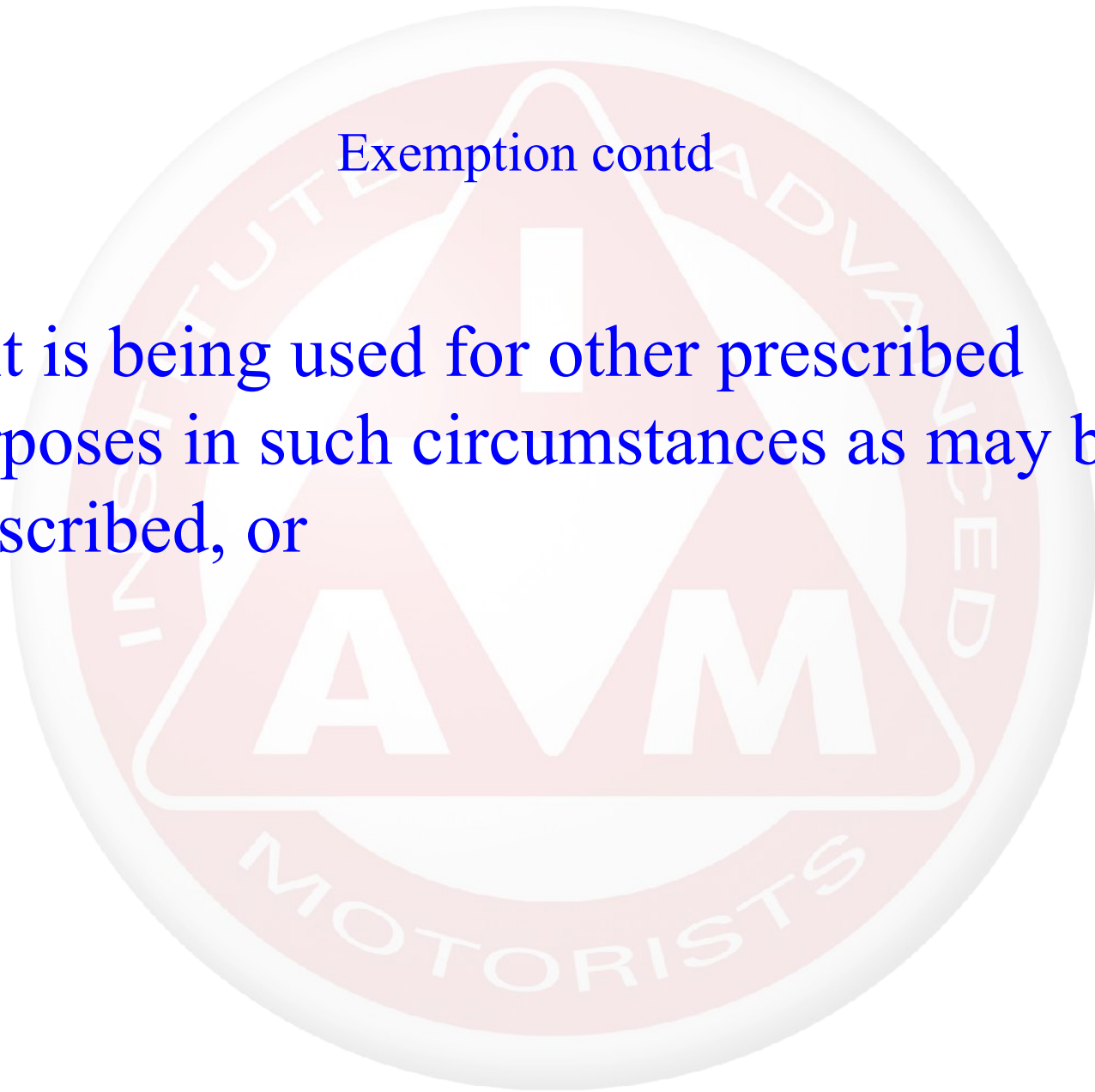
- For section 87 ..... substitute –
- 87 Exemptions from speed limits  
(1) No statutory provision imposing a speed limit on motor vehicles shall apply to any vehicle on an occasion when -

## Exemption contd

- a) it is being used for fire and rescue authority purposes
- or for or in connection with the exercise of any function of a relevant authority as defined in Section 6 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005,
- for ambulance purposes or
- for police or Serious Organised Crime Agency purposes,

## Exemption contd

- b) it is being used for other prescribed purposes in such circumstances as may be prescribed, or



## Exemption contd

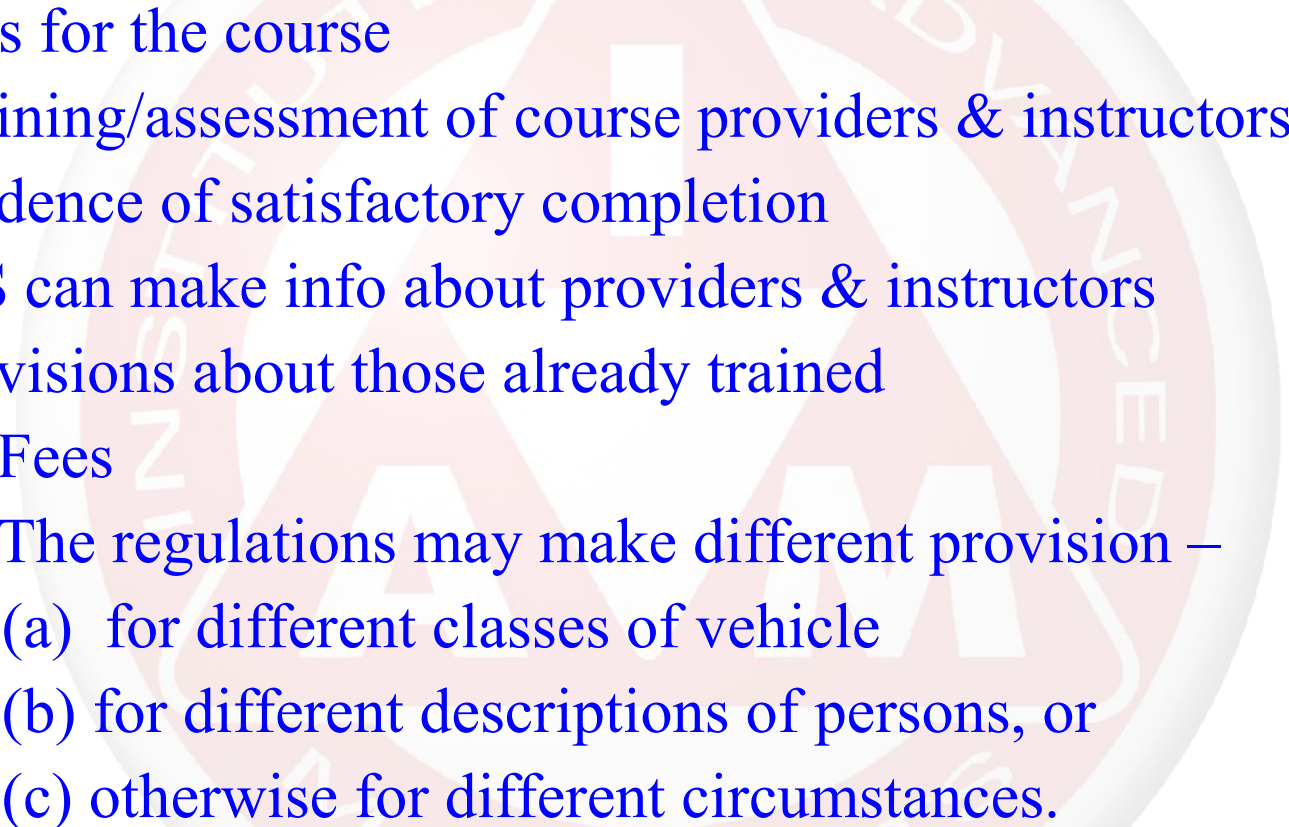
- c) it is being used for training persons to drive vehicles for use for any of the purposes mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) above,
- if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

## Exemption contd

- (2) Subsection (1) above does not apply unless the vehicle is being driven by a person who –
- (a) has satisfactorily completed a course of training in the driving of vehicles at high speed provided in accordance with regulations under this section, or
- (b) is driving the vehicle as part of such a course.

# Power to define training

- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about courses of training in the driving of vehicles at high speed.
- (4) The regulations may include –
  - (a) provision about the nature of course
  - (b) provision for the approval of the SoS of persons providing courses or giving instruction on courses and the withdrawal of approvals (including appeals)

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- Fees for the course
  - Training/assessment of course providers & instructors
  - Evidence of satisfactory completion
  - SoS can make info about providers & instructors
  - Provisions about those already trained
  - (5) Fees
  - (6) The regulations may make different provision –
    - (a) for different classes of vehicle
    - (b) for different descriptions of persons, or
    - (c) otherwise for different circumstances.


# Time Span

- Needs a commencement order
- Consultation process
- Regulations to be drafted/passed



# Politics

- Order of priorities of work from Bill not yet decided
- Decisions on this happen at political level
- “Blue light” issue tends to have high media profile



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