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HEAVY TRAFFIC.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to Heavy Traffic on Roads.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Heavy Traffic Act, 1908.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,—

“District” means the district under the control of a local authority:

Title.

Short Title.

Interpretation.

- “Driver” of a vehicle includes any person having for the time being charge of the vehicle :
- “Government road” means any road defined or declared to be a Government road under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908 : 5
- “Heavy traffic” means—
- (a.) The transportation of any vehicle which itself, or together with its load, weighs more than one and a half tons to each pair of wheels ;
- (b.) The traction of any vehicle by means of bullocks ; 10
- (c.) The transportation during the months from May to September, inclusive, of any vehicle, with or without any load thereon, which requires more than six animals at a time to draw it along any road :
- “Inspector” means any officer appointed by a local authority 15 for the purpose of inspecting traffic on roads :
- “Local authority” means a County Council, Borough Council, Town Board, Road Board, and any other authority having control or charged with the maintenance of public roads, and in the case of Government roads it means the Minister : 20
- “Minister” means the Minister charged with the administration of this Act :
- “Officer” means any person authorised or appointed to carry out the instructions of a local authority in respect to this Act : 25
- “Owner” includes a bailee and any other person having the custody or possession of the thing referred to :
- “Publicly notified” means published in some newspaper circulating in the district in which the matter of the notice arises or to which it relates : 30
- “Road” has the meaning given to it in section one hundred and one of the Public Works Act, 1908, and includes a street or private street as defined in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, and also includes a bridge :
- “Special order” means a special order publicly notified and 35 gazetted and made by a local authority in the manner specified by the Act under which the local authority is constituted :
- “Vehicle” includes every kind of vehicle, carriage, motor, engine, machine, or conveyance drawn or propelled on wheels, other than a vehicle used upon a railway or tramway. 40

PART I.

Application of
Part II of Act.

3. (1.) Any local authority may from time to time, by special order publicly notified and gazetted, adopt the whole or any of the sections of Part II of this Act, and thereupon (but not otherwise) the same shall have operation and shall be in force and binding in the 45 district of that local authority according to the tenor of the special order.

(2.) The special order shall have operation as from the date when it has been publicly notified and gazetted unless a later date is provided for in the order.

5 (3.) The adoption of the whole or any part of Part II of this Act by any local authority shall not affect or apply to any road, bridge, or street which is vested in or controlled by any other local authority, or which is a Government road or bridge.

10 (4.) If any road affected by any such special order becomes a Government road, the order shall thereupon cease to have operation in so far as such road is concerned.

(5.) Any such special order may, according to its tenor, be operative only for a certain definite time or for any definite period in each or any year, or it may apply to the whole of the district or to any part or parts thereof, or to any road or roads therein, or it may apply different provisions to different roads in the district.

15 (6.) In any special order the local authority making the same may, if it thinks fit, declare that any less license fee than that prescribed by the *First* Schedule hereto shall be paid, and in the same manner the local authority may, in adopting section *fifteen* hereof, declare that a different scale of width of tire or weight of load than is therein stated shall have effect, and the local authority may also provide that the license fee may be paid in such proportions from time to time as it thinks fit; and any such alteration so made to any of such sections shall be as binding and effectual in respect to the road or district or part thereof to which they have been applied as if the sections as altered formed part of this Act. License fees, &c.

20 (7.) In the same manner the local authority may, if authorised so to do by the Governor in Council, declare that any higher license fee than the license fee provided for in the *First* Schedule hereto shall be imposed, and such higher license fee may be imposed and collected accordingly.

30 (8.) The form of the special order shall be sufficient if it is made in the prescribed form, and the publication of such special order in the *Gazette* shall be conclusive proof that it has been duly made in accordance with this Act. Special orders.

35 (9.) Before any special order under this section comes into operation there shall be published once in a newspaper circulating in the district to which it relates a notice stating generally the effect of the order and referring to a copy of it which may be seen by any person at some central or other convenient place named in the notice.

40 (10.) Unless it is otherwise stated in the special order, such order shall be deemed to apply to everything included under the definition of vehicle in section *two* of this Act; but, if the local authority desires that it shall apply only to certain descriptions of vehicles, it shall be so stated in the special order.

45 (11.) Any special order under the foregoing provisions of this section may at any time be revoked by special order, and thereupon shall cease to have operation as from the date of the gazetting of such last-mentioned order, unless a later date is provided for in such last-mentioned order.

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In case of
Government roads
Minister to have
powers of local
authority.

4. (1.) In the case of a Government road or bridge the Minister shall have all the rights and powers of a local authority under this Act, and he may by warrant adopt or revoke the adoption of the provisions of Part II of this Act either wholly or in part, and either with or without any such modifications as aforesaid, and such adoption and revocation shall be as effectual and operative in all respects as regards such road or bridge and the traffic thereon as if the same were under the control of a local authority, and the local authority had adopted any such provisions, and the license fee shall in any such case be paid to the Minister and be placed by him to the credit of the Public Account or of the vote charged with the cost of constructing or maintaining that road or bridge.

(2.) If any Government road affected by any such warrant is at any time thereafter declared to be a county road, or a district or town district road, the warrant shall cease to have effect in so far as that road is concerned.

In cases where
vehicle to be used
in two or more
districts, license to
be issued by the
Governor.

5. (1.) Where the owner of a vehicle engaged in heavy traffic desires to use that vehicle in two or more districts in which Part II of this Act is in force, whether wholly or partially, he may lodge an application in writing at a Magistrate's Court within one of those districts (and if there is no such Court within any such district then in a Court adjacent thereto) for a license to use that vehicle within such districts and upon such roads as are specified in the application, and such application shall contain the same particulars as are required in applications to be made under section *seven* hereof, and the owner shall serve a copy of his application on the local authority of each district to which his application relates, and in the case of a Government road it shall be served on the Minister.

(2.) The Magistrate shall thereupon, without fee, summon the local authorities of the districts specified in the application to be represented before him at a time and place which he shall appoint, and may proceed with the application, whether the local authorities are represented at the hearing or not, if he is satisfied that they have received notice of the application.

(3.) After hearing any evidence or statement which the applicant or such representatives think fit to adduce or make, the Magistrate shall decide whether or not the application is to be granted and what license fee is to be paid, and he may issue the license accordingly on payment to him of such license fee, or may issue the license subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, or may refuse the application.

Apportionment of
license fees.

(4.) The Magistrate shall also apportion among the various local authorities concerned the amount of the license fee for the vehicle in such proportions as he thinks just, and he shall pay or cause the same to be paid to them accordingly, and his decision shall be final and conclusive.

(5.) The amount of the license fee so fixed shall be settled by the Magistrate after considering the probable effect of the traffic of the vehicle on the road or roads proposed to be used, but such license fee shall not in any case exceed twice the maximum license fee provided to be charged by any local authority in the same provincial district for a similar vehicle engaged in heavy traffic; and he shall be guided in the assessment of the license fee by any fees actually levied by the local

authorities in the districts to which the application relates, and if no such fees are charged, then he shall be guided by the fees provided for in this Act.

(6.) If he considers that security should be given for the repair of any road likely to be damaged by the vehicle beyond the amount of the license fee, he shall, before issuing the license, require such security to be given to any or all of the local authorities in such amount or amounts as he deems just.

(7.) In granting a license hereunder the Magistrate may, if he thinks fit, and if the applicant so desires, in lieu of granting the license generally for a fixed term, grant the license upon payment to him by the applicant of a definite fixed sum for each time the vehicle is used on any road mentioned in such license. The sum so fixed shall be in the absolute discretion of the Magistrate, but shall bear a reasonable proportion to the character of the traffic, the length and condition of the road or roads, and the special damage likely to accrue to the same by reason of such traffic.

(8.) No license granted under this section shall be for any term exceeding one year. Duration of license

(9.) Every license shall be in the prescribed form, and shall while in force entitle the holder to use the vehicle described in the license for heavy traffic in the districts mentioned in the license, and no other license fee shall be payable in respect of that vehicle to the local authority of any of those districts; but nothing herein shall be held to exonerate the holder of the license from liability to comply with any law or by-law that relates to such traffic and is not inconsistent with the rights granted under the license. Form and effect of license.

6. (1.) Every person who commits an offence against this Act shall for each such offence be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds, and if the offence has been a continuing one, then to a fine not exceeding *five* pounds for every day during the period of such continuance. Penalty for offences.

(2.) The statement in any information laid under this Act that a road or bridge is under the control of the local authority at whose instance the information is laid, or that it is a Government road, shall, unless the contrary is proved by the defendant, be accepted by the Magistrate without further proof; and for the purposes of this Act, and in substitution for any other method of proof, any road which has been constructed or improved out of the funds of a local authority shall be deemed to be under the control of that authority.

PART II.

7. (1.) The owner of a vehicle shall, before using the same for heavy traffic on any road, make application to the local authority having control of the road for a license so to do, and in such application shall state the true weight and description of the vehicle, the name of the district or of the road or roads through or on which it is intended that such vehicle shall travel, the weight of the load which it is intended it shall carry or drag, the time or times (not exceeding

Application by owner of vehicle for license to use the same for heavy traffic.

one year) during which it is intended such license should continue in force, and the kind of load which it is intended such vehicle should carry, and also any other information which the local authority requires.

Local authority may grant license.

(2.) The local authority shall consider the application, and if it appears that the road or roads and bridges and culverts to which the application relates are sufficiently strong to stand the traffic, it may grant the license, subject to the following conditions :—

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Conditions of license.

(a.) The license may be issued at any time and shall be for such time (not exceeding one year) as the local authority thinks fit, and it shall state the road or roads on which the vehicle may travel, the maximum load which the vehicle may carry or drag, and the license may state such terms as to the stoppage of traffic in wet weather, as the local authority thinks fit, or it may limit the license to certain months in the year, or it may make different provisions for different roads, or it may give authority to use all the roads under the control of the local authority or only some of them.

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(b.) The applicant shall, if the local authority so requires, give security to the satisfaction of the local authority for any damage likely to accrue to the roads, or for the additional cost of maintenance likely to be incurred by reason of the use of the vehicle on such roads, beyond the amount of the license fee.

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(c.) The applicant shall pay, either at once or in such instalments as the local authority in each case thinks fit, a license fee in accordance with the scale set forth in the *First Schedule* hereto, or such lesser or greater license fee as is determined by the local authority in pursuance of this Act.

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(d.) The license may be issued without payment of such license fee or on payment of such less fee as, having regard to the nature or extent and effect of the probable traffic, the local authority in each case thinks fit; but nothing herein shall authorise the local authority to impose or charge different license fees to different people for the same sort of vehicle engaged in the same sort of traffic on the same road.

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(e.) The local authority shall register the license and shall give it a distinctive registered number.

(f.) Any other conditions may be inserted in the license that the local authority thinks reasonable, and the license shall be subject to every by-law in force in the district relating to vehicles that are not in conflict with this Act.

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(3.) In granting a license hereunder the local authority may, if it thinks fit and if the applicant so desires, in lieu of granting the license for a fixed term, grant the license on payment of a fixed sum for each time the vehicle uses any road or roads mentioned in the license, and in any such case the provisions of this section shall otherwise apply, provided that no such license shall be granted for any term exceeding one year. The sum so fixed shall be in the absolute discretion of the local authority, but shall bear a reasonable proportion to the character of the traffic, the length and condition of the road, and the special damage likely to accrue to such road by reason of such traffic.

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(4.) Every license shall specify the name of the owner of the vehicle in respect of which it is issued, the description of the vehicle, and the number of the license and vehicle (but so that no two licenses or vehicles shall bear the same number).

5 (5.) Every vehicle in respect of which any such license has been issued, while being used in accordance with the terms of the license, shall, subject to the provisions of any by-laws in force relating to the matter in the district, be deemed to be licensed to use all roads mentioned in the license for the period therein mentioned and no longer, 10 and while the license is operative the owner of the vehicle shall not be liable to pay any wheel-tax or other license fee in force in the district that would otherwise be chargeable in respect of that vehicle by the local authority by which the license was issued.

15 (6.) No person shall use any vehicle for the purpose of heavy traffic upon any road unless he is in possession of a license as provided by this Act, nor shall he use such vehicle upon any other road, or use it to carry any greater weight than may be specified in the license granted therefor.

20 8. The driver of every vehicle required to be licensed shall have the license for the same in his immediate personal possession, and shall, whenever required by an Inspector, Engineer, Clerk, or other person authorised by the local authority, produce the license for inspection forthwith.

Driver of vehicle to produce license on request.

25 9. (1.) The owner or driver of every vehicle for which a license is granted shall, before using the vehicle, cause the full name of the owner, the registered number of the license, and the correct weight of the vehicle to be legibly painted in letters and figures with good white paint on a dark ground on the right-hand side of the vehicle, and shall cause the paint to be maintained and, if necessary, renewed 30 during the currency of the license, and within three days after such vehicle has ceased to be so licensed shall cause the said painting to be completely effaced and obliterated.

Particulars as to name of owner, license number, &c., to be painted on vehicle.

(2.) The letters and figures shall be at least three inches high and of proportionate breadth so as to be easily read.

35 (3.) Before the number of the license there shall be painted the words "License No.;" and before the weight there shall be painted the words "Weight of vehicle," and this weight shall be stated in tons, hundredweights, and pounds, and in any proceedings for a breach of this Act the onus of proving that the weight so stated is the correct weight 40 shall rest upon the owner.

10. Every person making an application for a license for a vehicle who knowingly includes or specifies in such application any untrue particular in respect of such vehicle for the purpose of obtaining such license is guilty of an offence, and any license issued pursuant to such 45 application may be revoked by the local authority.

Revocation of license granted on application specifying false particulars.

11. Notwithstanding the issue of a license to engage in heavy traffic, the license shall not be held to relieve the licensee or any person from any liability to which he may otherwise be subject in respect of damage caused to any road by reason of excessive weights or extra- 50 ordinary traffic, or from any liability for any traffic that may be forbidden under the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-one of the Public Works Act, 1908.

License not to relieve from liability in respect of damage to roads, &c.

License to be subject to terms of resolution of local authority.

12. Every license to use a vehicle on any road is subject to the right of the local authority from time to time, by resolution publicly notified, to declare that it shall not be lawful to drive any vehicle or any specified class of vehicle so licensed over any specified road, or to limit the weight to be carried by any such vehicle on any specified road, during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, or any of them, in any year; and on the passing of any such resolution it shall not be lawful to use any vehicle upon any road during the time specified in any way contrary to such resolution: 5

Provided that if any such resolution is passed, the owner of any vehicle who has paid a license fee for a period covering such time shall be entitled to a refund of a proportionate part of such license fee from the local authority. 10

Clerk or other officer of local authority may require vehicle, &c., to be weighed.

13. (1.) For the purpose of ascertaining the weight of any vehicle or of the load thereon, or for the purpose of verifying the correctness of the weight painted on any vehicle, the Clerk, Engineer, or overseer of the local authority, or any constable, or any person authorised by the local authority, may require the owner or driver of the vehicle to have the same weighed at the nearest accessible weighbridge; or in the event of there being no weighbridge easily available, or in the event of the owner or driver of the vehicle neglecting or refusing to weigh or to have the vehicle weighed, a Magistrate hearing any charge of breach of this section shall accept as correct the computation of the weight of the vehicle or of the load thereon made by some person who in the opinion of the Magistrate is competent for the purpose. 15 20 25

(2.) For the purposes of this Part of this Act the weight of the load on any vehicle shall include the weight of every person being carried on the vehicle.

Method of computing weight of load of vehicle.

14. In computing the weight of the load of any vehicle for the purposes of this Act, the weight of the articles mentioned in the *Second* Schedule hereto shall be deemed to be according to the scale set forth in that Schedule. 30

Load to be proportionate to width of tires, &c.

15. Unless specially authorised by the local authority, the maximum load to be carried in vehicles, whether plying for hire or not, shall be in the proportion to the width of tires of vehicles, and shall be in accordance with the scale set forth in the *Third* Schedule hereto. 35

Driver to avoid driving in ruts in road.

16. No vehicle engaged in heavy traffic shall be driven so that its wheels shall (if it can be reasonably avoided) travel in ruts formed in any road by the wheels of the same or any other vehicle.

Vehicles not to be driven on footpath, &c.

17. No vehicle, whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, shall be driven along, into, or upon any footpath, drain, or water-table on any road except for the *bona fide* purpose of crossing over the same, and no vehicle shall be driven so that any part thereof shall be in contact with any batter at the side of the road. 40

Driver, when so required, to produce license to certain Government officers, &c.

18. (1.) The driver of a vehicle shall, whenever required to do so by any Government Engineer, Inspector, or overseer, or by any person authorised for that purpose by the local authority, cause the vehicle to be stopped and to remain so stopped for a reasonable and sufficient time to allow such Engineer, Inspector, overseer, or other authorised person to inspect and examine his license and the vehicle and the load thereon. 45 50

(2.) The driver shall permit such inspection and examination, and shall, on demand, produce his license to use such vehicle for heavy traffic, and he shall not obstruct such Engineer, Inspector, overseer, or other authorised person in or about making such inspection or examination.

5 (3.) The driver of the vehicle shall, at the verbal request of such Engineer, Inspector, overseer, or authorised person, give such information as to the load being transported, and as to the quantity, weight, size, and measurement of the same, as is then required by any of such persons.

10 19. Whenever a vehicle engaged in heavy traffic passes along any road, the driver thereof shall allow as much space as possible for other vehicles and for all persons using the road, and for all horses, cattle, and sheep passing along the said road; and he shall, on request
15 by the driver of any horse, vehicle, or stock who wishes to pass, at once drive to the side of the road, and allow sufficient space to let such horse, vehicle, or stock pass in safety.

20 20. The driver of every vehicle, whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, shall, so far as possible, cause the vehicle to be kept upon and made to travel upon the side of the road or street which is on the left-hand or near side of such vehicle as it is proceeding along such road or street.

25 21. If the driver of a vehicle engaged in heavy traffic is met or overtaken by the rider or driver of any horse or vehicle who signals him to stop such first-mentioned vehicle, he shall do so immediately; and if it appears that the rider or driver of any horse or vehicle meeting or overtaking a vehicle engaged in heavy traffic has difficulty in passing the same, the driver of the latter vehicle shall, without waiting for any signal, forthwith stop and render all possible assistance; and
30 if the rider or driver of the horse or vehicle so meeting or overtaking the vehicle engaged in heavy traffic either verbally demands or holds up his hand, it shall be sufficient signal for the driver of such vehicle to stop the same.

35 22. (1.) In any case where a vehicle (other than a steam-engine), whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, is standing or is travelling on a road between sunset and sunrise, such vehicle shall carry a white light on each side of the vehicle—showing clearly to any persons approaching the proximity of the vehicle.

40 (2.) In any case where a steam-engine, whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, is standing or is travelling on a road between sunset and sunrise, the engine shall carry a white light on each side of the engine in front, and one red light behind, unless where one or more vehicles are being drawn by the engine, in which case the red light shall be carried on the back of the hindmost vehicle—showing clearly to any approach-
45 ing persons the proximity of the engine and of the vehicles drawn by the engine.

50 23. No vehicle which, together with the maximum weight of load which such vehicle may carry thereon, weighs more than ten tons to any pair of its wheels shall, except with the permission of the local authority, be taken upon or over any bridge or culvert except upon planks ten inches wide and three inches thick, to be provided and laid

Mode of passing other vehicles.

Driver to keep on left-hand side of road.

Driver to render necessary assistance to travellers in passing vehicle.

Lights to be carried between sunset and sunrise.

Precautions against injury to be taken in crossing bridge.

longitudinally on such bridges or culverts by the owner, driver, or person in charge of the vehicle.

Driver to report injury to roads to Clerk of local authority.

24. Where any special damage is done by a vehicle, whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, to any road, fence, bridge, culvert, drain, or side ditch, or to any other thing appertaining to a road, the driver of the vehicle shall at once give notice in writing to the Clerk of the local authority of the nature of the damage, and of the place and time at which it happened; and if the damage has rendered the road or its appurtenances dangerous for ordinary traffic or to public safety, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall, in addition to giving such notice as aforesaid, at once place at or near the place where the damage happened, and shall maintain for such time as the Clerk directs, such signals as are sufficient to give warning of the existence of the danger to all persons using the road by day or by night. 5 10

Rate of vehicle, &c., not to exceed four miles an hour when crossing bridge.

25. No person shall drive any vehicle, whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, or ride, drive, or lead any animal across or upon any bridge at a pace faster than at the rate of four miles an hour. 15

Bullocks not to be used for heavy traffic during certain months without express authority.

26. No person shall use bullocks as traction animals upon any road at any time during the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October, except with the permission of the local authority, and on such terms in each case as the local authority thinks fit. 20

Driver of steam-engine to have assistant.

27. No driver of a steam-engine, whether engaged in heavy traffic or not, shall propel or cause the same to be propelled along or over any road or bridge unless he is accompanied by another man; and it shall be part of the duty of the driver and such other man to keep a careful lookout, both in front of and behind the engine, for horses and vehicles approaching, and to warn the riders and drivers of such horses and vehicles of the proximity of the engine, and to assist them in passing the engine in safety. 25 30

Special authority required for use of vehicles having wheels with bars, &c.

28. No person shall, except by the express permission in writing of the local authority, drive or cause to be driven on a road, bridge, or culvert any vehicle having bars, shoes, clogs, or spikes upon any of its wheels which may have the effect of breaking or damaging the surface of the road, bridge, or culvert. 35

Driver of engine to give warning when crossing bridge, and to remove stones, &c.

29. Before driving a steam-engine over any bridge all stones or other substances which might, if passed over by the engine, injure the wood-work of the bridge shall be removed by the driver of the engine, and before entering on such bridge he shall cause a man to be stationed at the end farthest from the engine, who shall expose a red flag and warn all persons approaching the bridge that the engine is approaching the bridge or is crossing the bridge, as the case may be, and before nearing the corner or sharp bend of a road the driver of the engine shall take all necessary precautions by whistling and slowing down or otherwise to insure the safety of the traffic. 40 45

Steam-engine not to be taken on bridge while any horses or stock thereon.

30. No person shall drive or take a steam-engine upon a bridge while any person with a horse, or vehicle drawn by a horse or horses, or when any stock is on or about to come upon the bridge.

Steam-engine not to be allowed to remain on bridge.

31. No driver of a steam-engine or any vehicle attached thereto shall cause or permit the same to stop on any bridge or culvert for the purpose of drawing water from any water-race, river, stream, or ditch. 50

passing under or through such bridge or culvert, or for any other purpose whatever, except for the safety or convenience of other traffic.

32. No driver of a steam-engine shall cause or permit any ashes or refuse from the furnace thereof to be discharged upon a bridge or culvert or upon any wooden structure appertaining to any road, or upon a road within one chain of any such bridge, culvert, or structure, or to be left in a heap on a road, but he shall cause such ashes or refuse, upon being discharged from the engine, to be immediately and thoroughly soaked with water and spread evenly on the road.

No ashes or refuse to be discharged on bridge, &c.

33. Not more than three vehicles shall be drawn at any one time by an engine over any bridge.

Not more than three vehicles to be taken across bridge at one time.

34. No driver of an engine shall drive such engine across any bridge or culvert, with one or more vehicles attached to the engine, unless a sufficient distance is kept between the engine and the vehicle, and between each vehicle if more than one, to insure that there shall not at any time be upon any one span of the bridge, or upon the bridge if consisting of only one span, or upon any culvert, a greater weight than twenty tons distributed over a length of thirty feet.

Distribution of weight upon bridge.

35. No person driving a steam-engine shall open the cylinder taps or allow the steam to be blown off, or allow the steam to attain a pressure exceeding the limit fixed by the safety-valve, within the sight of any person riding, driving, leading, or in charge of a horse or of stock upon a road; nor shall the driver of an engine blow off the steam, or cause the same to be blown off, on any road or bridge.

Blowing off steam, &c.

SCHEDULES.

Schedules.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Sections 3, 7.

LICENSE FEES.		Yearly License Fee.		
		£	s.	d.
On every two-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires 2½ inches wide and under 3 inches wide	...	10	0	0
On every two-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires 3 inches wide and under 4 inches wide	...	7	10	0
On every two-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires 4 inches wide and not exceeding 5 inches wide	...	6	0	0
On every two-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires exceeding 5 inches wide	...	5	0	0
On every four-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires 2½ inches wide and under 3 inches wide	...	20	0	0
On every four-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires 3 inches wide and under 4 inches wide	...	15	0	0
On every four-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires 4 inches wide and not exceeding 6 inches wide	...	10	0	0
On every two-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires over 5 inches wide, and on every four-wheeled vehicle having wheels with tires over 6 inches wide, the yearly license fee shall in each case be determined by the local authority on the application of the owner or driver of the vehicle :				

Provided that in the case of any four-wheeled vehicle which has wheels with tires not exceeding 6 inches in width, and where the wheels are so arranged that the front wheels do not run in the same tracks as the back wheels or in any part of such tracks, then in any such case the yearly license fee prescribed above shall be reduced by the sum of £2 10s.

