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Purpose of Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to repeal the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853 to 1855 so as to enable the making of bye-laws under section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001 by certain local authorities relating to the regulation and control of horse-drawn carriages.

The Dublin Carriage Acts 1853 to 1855 deal with the regulation and control within the Dublin Metropolitan Police District of carriages let for hire and “drawn by horses or other beasts of burden”. The exercise of this power was vested in the “Commissioners of the Police of the Police District of Dublin Metropolis”. The Dublin Metropolitan Police District at the time included most of what is now the administrative area of Dublin City Council as well as parts of the administrative areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and South Dublin County Council. The successor to the Dublin Metropolitan Police is An Garda Síochána.

Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001 provides for the making of bye-laws by local authorities. Subsection (2)(a) of that section enables a local authority to make bye-laws in the interests of the common good of the local community. However, subsection (2)(b) of that section provides:

“(b) A bye-law may not be made under this subsection for a purpose as respects which provision for that particular purpose is made by or under any other enactment or may be made under such enactment.”.

Accordingly, the Dublin Carriage Acts 1853 to 1855 prevent the making of such bye-laws in so far as they relate to the area of the former Dublin Metropolitan Police District.

Provisions of Bill

Section 1 provides for the amendment of section 199 (power to make bye-law) of Local Government Act 2001 relating to horse-drawn carriages generally in respect of the disposal of dung.

Section 2:

Subsection (1) repeals the Dublin Carriage Act 1853, the Dublin Amended Carriage Act 1854, and the Dublin Amended Carriage Act 1855.

Subsection (2) provides, by way of an avoidance of doubt provision, for continuation of the performance by the Garda Carriage Office of its functions, including those relating to public service vehicles.

Section 3 contains the standard form provisions relating to the short title, collective citation and commencement of the Bill.

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