
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 926 (N.I. 10)

Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland) Order 1979

- - - - - [26th July 1979]

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 ...
Commencement ...

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“medical practitioner” means a fully registered person within the meaning of section 54(1) of the Medical Act 1956 ;

“minor” means a person under the age of 18;

“tattoo” means the insertion into the skin of any colouring material designed to leave a permanent mark.

Prohibition of tattooing of minors

3.—(1) Subject to Article 4, any person who tattoos a minor shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^[F1] five hundred pounds].

Annotations:

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Defences

4. A person shall not be guilty of an offence under Article 3—

(a) if he reasonably believes that the minor is not under the age of 18; or

(b) if, being a medical practitioner or working under the direction of a medical practitioner, he performs the tattoo for medical reasons.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland) Order 1979.