
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 2957

The Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Enforcement

Obstruction of officers

12.—^{F1}(1) Any person who intentionally obstructs an authorised officer of a district council [^{F2}or other enforcement authority] , acting in the exercise of his functions under this Order, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who without reasonable cause fails to give to an authorised officer, acting in the exercise of his functions under this Order, any facilities, assistance or information which the authorised officer reasonably requires of him for the performance of those functions commits an offence.

(3) A person commits an offence if, in purported compliance with any requirement of an authorised officer under paragraph (2)—

- (a) he makes a statement which is false or misleading, and
- (b) he either knows that it is false or misleading or is reckless as to whether it is false or misleading.

“False or misleading” means false or misleading in a material particular.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [art. 12\(1\)](#) inserted (1.6.2017 for specified purposes, 1.2.2022 in so far as not already in operation) by [Health \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 26\), ss. 5\(5\), 20\(3\); S.R. 2017/91, art. 2\(e\); S.R. 2021/329, art. 2\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words in [art. 12\(1\)](#) inserted (1.6.2017 for specified purposes) by [Health \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 26\), ss. 5\(5\), 20\(3\); S.R. 2017/91, art. 2\(e\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, Section 12.