



# Merchant Shipping Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 43

### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **18 Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses**

- (1) Section 668 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (constitution of Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) After paragraph (d) of subsection (1) there shall be inserted—
  - “(dd) a person nominated by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man and appointed by the Secretary of State”.
- (3) At the end of the said section 668 there shall be added—
  - “(4) The Commissioners may elect, as members of their body, not more than four other persons.
  - (5) A person appointed by the Secretary of State under subsection (1)(dd) above, or a person appointed by the Commissioners under subsection (4) above, shall hold office for three years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment.”

#### **19 Offences by seamen**

- (1) The Merchant Shipping Act 1970 shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (2) In section 27 (which creates an offence in relation to misconduct endangering a ship or persons on board, punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding £200) for the words " £200 " there shall be substituted the words " £400 ".

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- (3) Section 29 (which makes it an offence wilfully to disobey a lawful command relating to, or likely to affect, the operation of a ship or of its equipment) and section 31 (which makes it an offence in certain circumstances for a seaman to be absent without leave at the time of sailing) are hereby repealed.
- (4) In section 30 (continued or concerted disobedience, neglect of duty, etc.) for the words from the beginning of paragraph (c) to the end there shall be substituted:—
- “(c) combines with other seamen employed in that ship—
- (i) to disobey lawful commands which are required to be obeyed at a time while the ship is at sea ;
- (ii) to neglect any duty which is required to be discharged at such a time ; or
- (iii) to impede, at such a time, the progress of a voyage or the navigation of the ship,
- he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.
- For the purposes of this section a ship shall be treated as being at sea at any time when it is not securely moored in a safe berth.”
- (5) In section 34(2) (which imposes a limit of £10 on the amount of any fine which may be imposed on a seaman for a " disciplinary offence ") for the words " £10 " there shall be substituted the words " £20 ".
- (6) The following provisions referring to sections repealed by subsection (3) above shall be amended, that is to say—
- (a) in section 32 the words " 29 " shall be omitted ;
- (b) in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 the words " 29 ", in both places, and the words " or 31 " shall be omitted ;
- (c) in section 95(1)(a) for the words " 29 to " there shall be substituted the words " 30 and ".