



Criminal Law Act 1977

CHAPTER 45

CRIMINAL LAW ACT 1977

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- 5 Abolitions, savings, transitional provisions, consequential amendment and repeals.

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- 57 Probation and conditional discharge: power to vary statutory minimum or maximum period.
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- 65 Citation, etc.

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SCHEDULES 2—4 — . . .

SCHEDULE 5 — Alteration of Penalties on Summary Conviction of Certain Offences Triable Either Way

- 1 (1) The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 shall be amended...
- 2

Schedule 6 — Increase of fines for certain summary offences

SCHEDULE 7 — Transfer of Fine Orders

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Probation orders

- 1 Where a court makes an order under section 47(1) above...

Courts competent to restore sentence held in suspense

- 2 (1) In relation to a sentence of imprisonment part of...

Recall of offender on re-conviction

- 3 (1) If it appears to the Crown Court, where that...

Consecutive sentences of imprisonment

- 3A (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) an offender is serving...

Miscellaneous (procedural)

- 4 Where the offender is before the Crown Court with a...
5 Where the offender has been before a court with a...
6 For the purposes of any enactment conferring rights of appeal...

Miscellaneous (consequential)

- 7 Subject to section 60(1C) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967...
8 Where an offender is sentenced to imprisonment with an order...
9 In section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 (prohibition on...
10 In section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (computation...
11 In section 1 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974...

SCHEDULE 10 — . . .

SCHEDULE 11 — Amendments of Criminal Procedure (Scotland Act) 1975]

- 1 There shall be inserted after section 193 a new section...
2 There shall be inserted after section 283 a new section...
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4 (1) In section 289(a), for “£150” there shall be substituted...
5 There shall be inserted after section 289 new sections as...
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7 For section 394(b) there shall be substituted the following paragraph
—...
8 In section 397(1) for the words “or under section 72A...
9 In section 414(1) after the word “convicted” there shall be...
10 In section 462, in the interpretation of “fine” there shall...
11—13

SCHEDULE 12 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

NIGHT POACHING

ACT 1828 (C. 69)

- 1 In section 2 (assaults by persons committing offences under the...
2 In section 9 (entering land, with others, armed and for...

METROPOLITAN

POLICE COURTS

ACT 1839 (C. 71)

- Section 24 (offence of possessing stolen goods without a satisfactory...

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ACCESSORIES AND
ABETTORS ACT

1861 (C. 94)

In section 8 (abettors in misdemeanors,) for “any misdemeanor”
substitute...

OFFENCES

AGAINST THE

PERSON ACT 1861

(C. 100)

For section 16 (sending letters threatening to murder) substitute—
Threats...

PUBLIC STORES

ACT 1875 (C. 25)

Section 7 (offences of possessing, without a satisfactory explanation
public...

EXPLOSIVE

SUBSTANCES ACT

1883 (C. 3)

In section 3(1) (attempt to cause explosion, or making or...

CORONERS ACT

1877 (c. 71)

Section 4(2) (duty of coroner to take depositions in a...

CHILDREN ACT

1948 (c.43)

In section 29(5)(carrying on an unregistered voluntary home) omit the...

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BIRTHS AND

DEATHS

REGISTRATION ACT

1953 (c. 20)

In section 29(4) (correction of error in register resulting from...

SEXUAL OFFENCES

ACT 1956 (C.69)

1 A prosecution for an offence to which paragraph 14 or...

2 In paragraphs 17 and 18 of the said Part II...

ADOPTION ACT

1958 (7&8 Eliz.2.c.5.)

In section 50 (prohibition of certain payments), after subsection (3)...

OBSCENE

PUBLICATIONS ACT

1959 (c. 66)

In section 3(3) (powers of search and seizure) at end...

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ACT 1961 (c. 39)

1 Minor and Consequential Amendments

2 (1) Section 26 (transfer of prisoner to serve sentence) shall...

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- 3 (1) Section 28 (transfer of prisoner for trial) shall be...
- 4 (1) Section 29 (removal of detained person in the interests...
- 5 In section 39(1) (interpretation) in paragraph (b) of the definition...

LICENSING ACT

1964 (c. 26)

- 1 Minor and Consequential Amendments

- 2 Minor and Consequential Amendments

HOUSING ACT 1964

(c. 56)

In section 65, after subsection (1) (penalty for failure to...

HOUSING

(SCOTLAND) ACT

1966 (c. 49)

In section 110, after subsection (1) (penalty for failure to...

CRIMINAL LAW

ACT 1967 (c. 58)

In section 2(1) (under which an offence carrying a sentence...

.....

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ACT 1967 (C. 80)

- 1 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 2 In section 22, as amended by paragraph 37 of Schedule...
- 3 In section 23(2) (requirements as to bringing before a justice...
- 4 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 5 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 6 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 7 (1) Section 60 (release on license of persons serving determinate...
- 8 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 9 in subsection 91 (drunkenness in a public place) omit subsection...

COMPANIES ACT

1967 (c. 81)

- 1 In subsection 49(1) (certain offences to be triable summarily), after...
- 2 Paragraph 1 above shall be deemed to have had an...

FIREARMS ACT

1968(c. 27)

For paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 6 (under...

— MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

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— CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT 1969 (c.54)

- 1 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 2 In section 13(3) (selection of supervisor for person placed under...
- 3 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 4 In section 16(10) (meaning of “ attendance centre order” etc....
- 5 In paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 (restriction on power to...
- 6 Paragraphs 1 and 3 above, and any related repeal provided...

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FINANCE ACT 1972

(C. 41)

Paragraph 9 of Schedule 6 (right of members of value...

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ADMINISTRATION
OF JUSTICE ACT
1973 (c. 15)

- 1 In section 9(4) (abatement of salaries of holders of certain...
- 2 Paragraph 1 above shall be deemed to have had effect...

POWERS OF
CRIMINAL COURTS
ACT 1973 (c. 62)

- 1 Minor and Consequential Amendments
 - 2 For section 2(5)(b) (which requires a probation order requiring residence...
 - 3 In section 9(1) (breach of conditional discharge by young offenders)—...
 - 4 Minor and Consequential Amendments
 - 5 In section 17(3) (power of Crown Court to revoke or...
 - 6 Minor and Consequential Amendments
 - 7 Minor and Consequential Amendments
 - 8 Minor and Consequential Amendments
 - 9 Minor and Consequential Amendments
 - 10 Paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 1 (which precludes a supervising court...
 - 11 Minor and Consequential Amendments
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JURIES ACT 1974
(c. 23)

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HEALTH AND
SAFETY AT WORK
ETC. ACT 1974
(c. 37)

In section 15(6)(d) (power to restrict punishments which can be...

REHABILITATION
OF OFFENDERS
ACT 1974 (c. 53)

In section 6(6)(a) (convictions in England and Wales...

.....

BAIL ACT 1976
(c. 63)

- 1 In section 2(2), in the definition of “court”, for “a...
- 2 In section 3(8) (power of the court granting bail to...
- 3 (1) Section 5 (supplementary provisions about bail) shall be amended...
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SCHEDULE 13 —

SCHEDULE 14 — Transitional Provisions

- 1 A provision contained in any of sections 15 and 17...
- 2
- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to any provision of this Act...
- 4
- 5 Except as provided in paragraph 3 above a provision of...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 6(3) repealed by [1994 c. 33 s. 72\(4\)168\(3\)Sch. 11](#)
- s. 8(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 24](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 38A(5)(ia) by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 55](#)
- s. 38B(5)(a) by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 56](#)