



Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 22

PART II

AMENDMENTS OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS ACTS 1971 AND 1973

Amendment of provisions relating to the custody of minors

38 Amendment of provisions relating to age limits on orders for custody etc.

- (1) Section 15(2)(a) of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (which provides that a magistrates' court shall not entertain an application relating to a minor over sixteen unless the minor is physically or mentally incapable of self-support) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) In section 2(2) of the Guardianship Act 1973 (which provides that supervision orders and orders committing the care of a minor to a local authority shall only be made in relation to a minor who is under sixteen) for the words "where an application made under section 9 of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 relates to the custody of a minor under the age of sixteen " there shall be substituted the words " where an application is made under section 9 of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 for an order regarding the custody of a minor ".
- (3) In section 3(2) of the Guardianship Act 1973 (which provides that a supervision order shall cease to have effect when a minor becomes sixteen) for the words " age of sixteen " there shall be substituted the words " age of eighteen ".
- (4) In section 4 of the Guardianship Act 1973 (which relates to orders committing the care of a minor to a local authority) after subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

“(2A) The court shall not make an order committing a minor to the care of a local authority under section 2(2)(b) above after he has attained the age of seventeen.”