



Water Resources Act 1991

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PART VII

LAND AND WORKS POWERS

CHAPTER II

POWERS OF ENTRY

174 Impersonation of persons exercising powers of entry.

- (1) A person who, without having been designated or authorised for the purpose by the Agency [^{F1}or by the NRBW], purports to be entitled to enter any premises or vessel in exercise of a power exercisable in pursuance of any such designation or authorisation shall be guilty of an offence and [^{F2}liable—].
- [^{F2}(a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both.]
- (2) For the purposes of this section it shall be immaterial, where a person purports to be entitled to enter any premises or vessel, that the power which that person purports to be entitled to exercise does not exist, or would not be exercisable, even if that person had been designated or authorised by the Agency [^{F3}or by the NRBW].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 174(1) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 293](#) (with Sch. 7)
- F2** S. 174(1)(a)(b) and the word preceding them substituted (1.4.1996) for words by 1995 c. 25, s. 120, [Sch. 22 para. 167](#) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, [art. 3](#)
- F3** Words in s. 174(2) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 293](#) (with Sch. 7)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Water Resources Act 1991, Section 174.