



# Sexual Offences Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER 30

An Act to abolish the presumption of criminal law that a boy under the age of fourteen is incapable of sexual intercourse. [20th July 1993]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Annotations:

#### Commencement Information

II Act wholly in force at 20.9.1993 see [s. 2\(2\)](#)

### 1 Abolition of presumption of sexual incapacity.

The presumption of criminal law that a boy under the age of fourteen is incapable of sexual intercourse (whether natural or unnatural) is hereby abolished.

### 2 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Sexual Offences Act 1993.
- (2) This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act does not apply to acts done before its commencement.
- (4) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Sexual Offences Act 1993.