



# Offensive Weapons Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 26

- 2 Increased penalty for offence of carrying an offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse**
- (1) In section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953, in subsection (1)(b), for “two” there is substituted “four”.
  - (2) In section 47 of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 (prohibition of the carrying of offensive weapons), in subsection (1)(b), for “two” there is substituted “four”.
  - (3) In Article 22 of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (carrying of offensive weapon in public place), in paragraph (3)(b), for “2” there is substituted “4”.
  - (4) Subsections (1) to (3) above do not apply to offences committed before this Act comes into force.