



Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997

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PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous

55 Liberation of child by police

- (1) Section 43 of the 1995 Act (arrangements where child arrested) shall be amended in accordance with this section.
- (2) In subsection (1), for the words from “shall”, in the second place where it occurs, to the end there shall be substituted the words—
 - “may liberate him—
 - (a) on a written undertaking being entered into by him or his parent or guardian that he will attend at a court and at a time specified in the undertaking; or
 - (b) unconditionally.”.
- (3) In subsection (6)—
 - (a) for the words from “is” to “died” there shall be substituted the words “fails to appear at the court and at the time specified in the undertaking entered into by him or on his behalf under subsection (1) above”; and
 - (b) after the word “conviction” there shall be inserted the words “of any charge made against him at the time he was liberated under that subsection”.

56 Powers of the court on remand or committal of children and young persons

- (1) Section 51 of the 1995 Act (remand or committal of children and young persons) shall be amended in accordance with this section.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), for the words “in whose area the court is situated” there shall be substituted the words “which it considers appropriate”;
 - (b) after paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
 - “(aa) if the person is over 16 years of age and subject to a supervision requirement, the court may, instead of committing him to prison, commit him to the local authority which it considers appropriate to be detained as mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) or (ii) of paragraph (a) above;” and
 - (c) in paragraph (b), after the “age”, where it first occurs, there shall be inserted the words “to whom paragraph (aa) above does not apply”.
- (3) In subsection (4), for the words “in whose area the court is situated” there shall be substituted the words “which he considers appropriate”.
- (4) After subsection (4) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- “(4A) The local authority which may be appropriate in relation to a power to commit a person under paragraphs (a) or (aa) of subsection (1) or subsection (4) above may, without prejudice to the generality of those powers, be—
- (a) the local authority for the area in which the court is situated;
 - (b) if the person is usually resident in Scotland, the local authority for the area in which he is usually resident;
 - (c) if the person is subject to a supervision requirement, the relevant local authority within the meaning of Part II of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 in relation to that requirement.”.

57 Precognitions

- (1) After section 67 of the 1995 Act, there shall be inserted the following section—
- “67A Failure of witness to attend for, or give evidence on, precognition**
- (1) This section applies where a prosecutor has obtained a warrant to cite a witness for precognition and has served a citation for precognition on the witness.
- (2) Where this section applies, a witness who—
- (a) fails without reasonable excuse, after receiving at least 48 hours notice, to attend for precognition by a prosecutor at the time and place mentioned in the citation served on him; or
 - (b) refuses when so cited to give information within his knowledge regarding any matter relative to the commission of the offence in relation to which such precognition is taken,
- shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 21 days.”.
- (2) In section 140 of the 1995 Act (citation)—

- (a) in subsection (1), after the words “for” there shall be inserted the words “—
 - (a) the citation of witnesses for precognition by the prosecutor, whether or not any person has been charged with the offence in relation to which the precognition is taken; and
 - (b)”;
and
- (b) subsection (3) shall cease to have effect.

58 Information concerning jurors

- (1) Section 85 of the 1995 Act (citation and attendance of jurors) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), the words from “but” to the end shall cease to have effect.
- (3) For subsection (2), there shall be substituted the following subsections—
 - “(2) A list of jurors shall—
 - (a) contain not less than 30 names;
 - (b) be prepared under the directions of the clerk of the court before which the trial is to take place;
 - (c) be kept at the office of the sheriff clerk of the district in which the court of the trial diet is situated; and
 - (d) be headed “List of Assize for the sitting of the High Court of Justiciary (or the sheriff court of . at .) on the . of .”.
 - (2A) The clerk of the court before which the trial is take place shall, on an application made to him by or on behalf of an accused, supply the accused, free of charge, on the day on which the trial diet is called, and before the oath has been administered to the jurors for the trial of the accused, with a copy of a list of jurors prepared under subsection (2) above.
 - (2B) Where an accused has been supplied under subsection (2A) above with a list of jurors—
 - (a) neither he nor any person acting on his behalf shall make a copy of that list, or any part thereof; and
 - (b) he or his representative shall return the list to the clerk of the court after the oath has been administered to the jurors for his trial.
 - (2C) A person who fails to comply with subsection (2B) above shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.”.

59 Certification of previous convictions in criminal proceedings

- (1) Section 285 of the 1995 Act (proof of previous convictions) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (2) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) for the words “or on behalf of the Chief Constable of Strathclyde” there shall be substituted the words “the Secretary of State or by a person authorised by him to sign such a certificate”;

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- (b) for the words “by the person by or on whose behalf the certificate is signed” there shall be substituted the words “in pursuance of a service provided and maintained by the Secretary of State under or by virtue of section 36 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 or by or on behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis”.

(3) In subsection (5)—

- (a) for the words “or on behalf of the Chief Constable of Strathclyde” there shall be substituted the words “the Secretary of State or by a person authorised by him to sign such a certificate”;
- (b) for the words “or on behalf of the Chief Constable” there shall be substituted the words “the Secretary of State or by a person authorised by him to sign such a certificate or by or on behalf of”.

60 Grants for forensic medical services

The Lord Advocate may out of money provided by Parliament make grants of such amount and on such conditions as he considers appropriate to any person for the provision to him by that person of forensic medical services.

61 Confiscation of alcohol from persons under 18

(1) Where a constable has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person in a public place—

- (a) is under the age of 18; and
- (b) is in possession of alcoholic liquor, within the meaning of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976,

he may require that person to surrender that liquor to him, and may dispose of it in such manner as he considers appropriate; and he may also require that person to supply him with his name and address.

(2) Where a constable has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person of or over the age of 18 has alcoholic liquor in his possession in a public place and that that person—

- (a) has supplied such liquor to a person under the age of 18 for consumption in a public place; or
- (b) intends that that liquor should be consumed in a public place by a person under the age of 18,

the constable may require the person in possession of the liquor to surrender it to him, and may dispose of it in such manner as he considers appropriate; and he may also require that person to supply him with his name and address.

(3) Subject to subsection (4) below, it shall be an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale for a person to fail to comply with a requirement made under subsection (1) or (2) above.

(4) Where a constable makes a requirement such as is mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) above he shall inform the person concerned—

- (a) of his suspicion; and
- (b) of the fact that failure to comply with a requirement made under either of those provisions is an offence.

- (5) A constable may arrest without warrant any person who fails to comply with a requirement made under subsection (1) or (2) above.
- (6) In this section “public place” includes—
- (a) any place to which the public have access for the time being (whether on payment of a fee or otherwise); and
 - (b) any place to which the public do not have access but to which the persons mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) have unlawfully gained access,
- but does not include licensed premises within the meaning of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976.