

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2001
(c.19) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

ARMED FORCES ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 – Trial and Punishment of Offences

Sections 17 to 30

56. This part of the Act contains a number of largely unconnected provisions concerning the administration of justice in the armed forces. The overall aim in reviewing the system was to check whether there were areas in which it might be changed either to reflect developments in the civilian system or to meet the Services' own requirements more effectively. The five yearly Armed Forces Acts are the principal means for effecting any changes that require primary legislation.