



Legal Services Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 29

PART 3

RESERVED LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Offences

17 Offence to pretend to be entitled

- (1) It is an offence for a person—
 - (a) wilfully to pretend to be entitled to carry on any activity which is a reserved legal activity when that person is not so entitled, or
 - (b) with the intention of implying falsely that that person is so entitled, to take or use any name, title or description.
- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F1}the general limit in a magistrates' court] or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (3) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) committed before [^{F2}2 May 2022], the reference in subsection (2)(a) to [^{F3}the general limit in a magistrates' court] is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 17(2)(a) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Legal Services Act 2007, Section 17. (See end of Document for details)

- F2** Words in s. 17(3) substituted (28.4.2022) by The Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 33) and Sentencing Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/500), regs. 1(2), **5(1)**, **Sch. Pt. 1**
- F3** Words in s. 17(3) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/149), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table

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