



Sexual Offences Act 1956

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PART I

OFFENCES, AND THE PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

Intercourse by force, intimidation, etc.

- 1 Rape
- 2 Procurement of woman by threats
- 3 Procurement of woman by false pretences
- 4 Administering drugs to obtain or facilitate intercourse

Intercourse with girls under sixteen

- 5 Intercourse with girl under thirteen
- 6 Intercourse with girl between thirteen and sixteen

Intercourse with defectives

- 7 Intercourse with an idiot or imbecile
- 8 Intercourse with defective
- 9 Procurement of defective

Incest

- 10 Incest by a man
- 11 Incest by a woman

Unnatural offences

- 12 Buggery
- 13 Indecency between men

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

Assaults

- 14 Indecent assault on a woman
- 15 Indecent assault on a man
- 16 Assault with intent to commit buggery

Abduction

- 17 Abduction of woman by force or for the sake of her property
- 18 Fraudulent abduction of heiress from parent or guardian
- 19 Abduction of unmarried girl under eighteen from parent or guardian
- 20 Abduction of unmarried girl under sixteen from parent or guardian
- 21 Abduction of defective from parent or guardian

Prostitution, procurement etc.

- 22 Causing prostitution of women
- 23 Procurement of girl under twenty-one
- 24 Detention of woman in brothel or other premises
- 25 Permitting girl under thirteen to use premises for intercourse
- 26 Permitting girl between thirteen and sixteen to use premises for intercourse
- 27 Permitting defective to use premises for intercourse
- 28 Causing or encouraging prostitution of, intercourse with, or indecent assault on, girl under sixteen
- 29 Causing or encouraging prostitution of defective
- 30 Man living on earnings of prostitution
- 31 Woman exercising control over prostitute

Solicitation

- 32 Solicitation by men

Suppression of brothels

- 33 Keeping a brothel
- 34 Landlord letting premises for use as brothel
- 35 Tenant permitting premises to be used as brothel
- 36 Tenant permitting premises to be used for prostitution

Powers and procedure for dealing with offenders

- 37 Prosecution and punishment of offences
- 38 Powers of court in case of incest with girl under twenty-one
- 39 Evidence of wife or husband of accused

Powers of arrest and search

- 40 Power of arrest in case of procurement or prostitution of women
- 41 Power of arrest in cases of trading in prostitution, or of soliciting by men
- 42 Power of search in case of man living on earnings of prostitution
- 43 Power to search for and remove woman detained for immoral purposes

Interpretation

- 44 Meaning of "sexual intercourse"

- 45 Meaning of "defective"
- 46 Use of words "man", "boy", "woman" and "girl"
- 47 Proof of exceptions

PART II

SUPPLEMENTARY

Consequential amendments

- 48 Amendments of Acts not consolidated
- 49 Adaptation of enactments applying to Scotland
- 50 Adaptation of enactments applying to Northern Ireland
- 51 Repeal
- 52 Savings, etc.
- 53 Construction of references to enactments
- 54 Extent
- 55 Short title
- 56 Commencement

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE — Rights of Landlord where Tenant convicted of permitting use of premises as Brothel

- 1 Upon the conviction of the tenant or occupier (in this...
- 2 If the tenant fails to do so within three months,...
- 3 Where the lease or contract is determined under this Schedule,...
- 4 The approval of the lessor or landlord for the purposes...
- 5 This Schedule shall have effect subject to the Rent and...

SECOND SCHEDULE — Table of offences, with mode of prosecution, punishments, etc.
PART I

Felonies and attempts at felonies

PART II

Offences other than felonies and attempts at felonies

THIRD SCHEDULE — Consequential Amendments of Enactments not Consolidated

FOURTH SCHEDULE — Repeals