



# Criminal Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1923

## 1923 CHAPTER 8

### 1 Consent of young person to be no defence.

<sup>F1</sup> It shall be no defence to a charge or indictment for an indecent assault on a child or young person under the age of [<sup>F2</sup> seventeen] to prove that he or she consented to the act of indecency.

**F1** 1986 NI 4  
**F2** 1950 c.5 (NI)

### 2 Amendment of ss.5 & 6 of 1885 c.69 as to defence of reasonable belief.

<sup>F3</sup> Reasonable cause to believe that a girl was of or above the age of [<sup>F4</sup> seventeen] years shall not be a defence to a charge under sub-section (1) of section five or under section six of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885 (in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”). The limit of time mentioned in the second proviso to section five of the principal Act, ...<sup>F5</sup> shall be [<sup>F6</sup> twelve] months after the commission of the offence.

**F3** 1986 NI 4  
**F4** 1950 c.5 (NI)  
**F5** SLR (NI) 1953  
**F6** 1930 c.3 (NI)

### 3 Amendment of penalties under s.13 of principal Act.

Any person who is convicted of an offence against section thirteen<sup>F7</sup> of the principal Act (which relates to summary proceedings against brothel keepers, &c.) shall be liable on summary conviction—

- (a) to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment. ...<sup>F8</sup> for a term not exceeding three months; and

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(b) on a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds or to imprisonment. ...<sup>F8</sup> for a term not exceeding six months; or, in any such case, to both fine and imprisonment.

**F7** 1956 c.69

**F8** 1953 c.14 (NI)

**4 Construction and short title.**

*Subs. (1) rep. by 1954 c.33 (NI); subs.(2) rep. by SLR (NI) 1952*

(3) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland), 1923; and the Criminal Law Amendment Acts, 1885 to 1912, and this Act may, to the extent to which they apply to Northern Ireland, be cited together as the Criminal Law Amendment Acts (Northern Ireland), 1885 to 1923.

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