



Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1945

1945 CHAPTER 15

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

COERCION

37 Abolition of presumption of coercion of married woman by husband.

Any presumption of law that an offence committed by a wife in the presence of her husband is committed under the coercion of the husband is hereby abolished, but on a charge against a [^{F1}spouse or civil partner] for any offence other than treason or murder it shall be a good defence to prove that the offence was committed in the presence of, and under the coercion of, the [^{F2}other spouse or civil partner] .

F1 Words in s. 37 substituted (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1514\)](#), regs. 1(2), **124(a)** (with regs. 6-9)

F2 Words in s. 37 substituted (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1514\)](#), regs. 1(2), **124(b)** (with regs. 6-9)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1945, Section 37*.