



# Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953

## 1953 CHAPTER 18

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

#### 9 Religious ministrations.

- (1) Where in any prison the number of prisoners who belong to any religious denomination is such as in the opinion of the [F<sup>1</sup>Department] to require the appointment of a minister of that denomination, the [F<sup>1</sup>Department] may appoint such a minister to that prison.
- (2) The [F<sup>1</sup>Department] may allow a minister of any denomination to visit prisoners of his denomination in a prison to which no minister of that denomination has been appointed under this section.
- (3) No prisoner shall be visited against his will by a minister.
- (4) Every prisoner shall be allowed, in accordance with the arrangements in force in the prison in which he is confined, to attend religious services held therein or to be visited by a minister of his denomination appointed to or permitted to visit prisoners under this section.
- (5) The governor of a prison shall on the reception of each prisoner record the religious denomination, if any, to which the prisoner declared himself to belong and shall give to any minister who is appointed or permitted to visit prisoners under this section a list of the prisoners who have declared themselves to belong to his denomination; and a minister shall not be permitted to visit any other prisoners except with the permission of the governor at the special request of the prisoner concerned.
- (6) There may be paid to ministers appointed to or permitted to visit prisons under this section such remuneration as the [F<sup>1</sup>Department] with the approval of the [F<sup>2</sup>Department of Finance and Personnel] may think reasonable.

**F1** Word in s. 9 substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 6(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(3)** (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, **art. 1(2)**

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**F2** Words in s. 9(6) substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 6(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(4)** (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, **art. 1(2)**

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