



# Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

## 2005 asp 16

### PART 8

#### OFFENCES

##### *Drunkenness and disorderly conduct*

#### **111 Drunk persons entering or in premises on which alcohol is sold**

- (1) A person who, while drunk, attempts to enter any relevant premises (other than premises on which the person resides) commits an offence.
- (2) A person commits an offence if the person, while drunk—
  - (a) is on any relevant premises, and
  - (b) is incapable of taking care of himself or herself.
- (3) A constable may arrest without warrant any person committing an offence under this section.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** [S. 111](#) in force at 1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m. by [S.S.I. 2007/472](#), [art. 3](#)

#### **112 Obtaining of alcohol by or for a drunk person**

- (1) A person who, on any relevant premises, obtains or attempts to obtain alcohol for consumption on the premises by a person who is drunk commits an offence.
- (2) A person who, on any relevant premises, helps a person who is drunk to obtain or consume alcohol on the premises commits an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** S. 112 in force at 1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m. by S.S.I. 2007/472, art. 3

**113 Sale of alcohol to a drunk person**

- (1) Any responsible person who, on any relevant premises, sells alcohol to a person who is drunk commits an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 113 in force at 1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m. by S.S.I. 2007/472, art. 3

**114 Premises manager, staff etc. not to be drunk**

- (1) Any responsible person in relation to any relevant premises who is drunk while on the premises commits an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

**Commencement Information**

**I4** S. 114 in force at 1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m. by S.S.I. 2007/472, art. 3

**115 Disorderly conduct**

- (1) A person on relevant premises who, while drunk—
  - (a) behaves in a disorderly manner, or
  - (b) uses obscene or indecent language to the annoyance of any person,
 commits an offence.
- (2) Any responsible person in relation any relevant premises who allows—
  - (a) a breach of the peace,
  - (b) drunkenness, or
  - (c) other disorderly conduct,
 to take place on the premises commits an offence.
- (3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (2) (“the accused”) to prove—
  - (a) that the accused, or an employee or agent of the accused, took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence not to commit the offence, or
  - (b) that there were no lawful and reasonably practicable means by which the accused could prevent the conduct giving rise to the offence.

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- (4) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1)(a) is liable on summary conviction to—
- (a) a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale,
  - (b) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days, or
  - (c) both.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1)(b) or (2) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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**Commencement Information**

**I5** S. 115 in force at 1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m. by S.S.I. 2007/472, art. 3

## 116 Refusal to leave premises

- (1) A person on any relevant premises who—
- (a) behaves in a disorderly manner, and
  - (b) refuses or fails to leave the premises on being asked to do so by a responsible person or a constable,
- commits an offence.
- (2) A person on any relevant premises who, after the end of any period of licensed hours, refuses or fails to leave the premises on being asked to do so by a responsible person or a constable commits an offence.
- (3) Where a person refuses or fails to leave any relevant premises as mentioned in subsection (1) or (2), an authorised person may—
- (a) remove the person from the premises, and
  - (b) if necessary for that purpose, use reasonable force.
- (4) A constable must, if—
- (a) asked by an authorised person to assist in exercising a power conferred by subsection (3), and
  - (b) the constable reasonably suspects the person to be removed of having refused or failed to leave as mentioned in subsection (1) or (2),
- provide the assistance asked for.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (6) In this section, “authorised person” means, in relation to any relevant premises, any of the following persons, namely—
- (a) a responsible person, and
  - (b) any other person who—
    - (i) works on the premises, and
    - (ii) is authorised by a responsible person for the purposes of this section.

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**Commencement Information**

**I6** S. 116 in force at 1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m. by S.S.I. 2007/472, art. 3

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) Appointed Day(s) by [S.S.I. 2006/239 art. 2](#) (This S.S.I. is revoked on 25.5.2006 by S.S.I. 2006/286, art. 6)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 33(1)(1A) substituted for s. 33(1)-(3) by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 33(8)(za) inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 33(8A) inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 33A inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 49\(4\)](#)
- s. 134ZA-134ZC inserted by [2015 asp 10 s. 61\(2\)](#)