



Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

2014 asp 18

PART 6

CRIMINAL APPEALS

Appeals from summary criminal proceedings

120 Power to refer points of law for the opinion of the High Court

In the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, after section 175, insert—

“175A Power to refer points of law for the opinion of the High Court

- (1) In an appeal under this Part, the Sheriff Appeal Court may refer a point of law to the High Court for its opinion if it considers that the point is a complex or novel one.
- (2) The Sheriff Appeal Court may make a reference under subsection (1)—
 - (a) on the application of a party to the appeal proceedings, or
 - (b) on its own initiative.
- (3) On giving its opinion on a reference under subsection (1), the High Court may also give a direction as to further procedure in, or disposal of, the appeal.”

Commencement Information

II S. 120 in force at 22.9.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/247, art. 2, Sch.

Changes to legislation:

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, Section 120 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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):

- sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 9](#)
- sch. 1 para. 2(g)(h) inserted by [2021 asp 16 s. 15\(8\)](#)