



Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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PART 2

GIVING OF ASSISTANCE BY SCOTTISH MINISTERS

CHAPTER 6

OFFENCES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Offences

71 Offence of trying to obtain assistance by deceit

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) the person provides, or causes another person to provide, information which is false or misleading, and
 - (b) the person does so with the intention of causing an individual to be given assistance under section 24 which would not otherwise be given.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), providing information includes making a statement.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to—
 - (i) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months,
 - (ii) a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or
 - (iii) both,
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to—
 - (i) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years,
 - (ii) a fine, or
 - (iii) both.