



## 2011 CHAPTER 19

### *Enforcement*

#### **Obstruction of officers**

**13.—(1)** Any person who intentionally obstructs an authorised officer of a district council, acting in the exercise of the officer's functions under or by virtue of this Act, commits an offence.

(2) Any person who without reasonable cause fails to give to an authorised officer, acting in the exercise of the officer's functions under or by virtue of this Act, any facilities, assistance or information which the authorised officer reasonably requires of the person for the performance of those functions, commits an offence.

(3) A person commits an offence if, in purported compliance with any requirement of an authorised officer under subsection (2)—

- (a) the person makes a statement which is false or misleading, and
- (b) the person either knows that it is false or misleading or is reckless as to whether it is false or misleading.

(4) In subsection (3), "false or misleading" means false or misleading in a material particular.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.