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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1987 No. 463

## The Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

### PART II

#### PROCESSIONS AND MEETINGS

##### **Endeavours to break up public processions or public meetings**

*Para. (1) rep. by 1998 c. 2*

(2) A person who at a lawful public meeting acts in a disorderly manner for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the meeting was called together shall be guilty of an offence.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2A) Paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to a protest meeting within the meaning of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.]

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a person guilty of an offence under paragraph<sup>F2</sup>. . . (2) shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply to a person who commits an offence under paragraph (2) at a meeting referred to in paragraph 13 of Schedule 9 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 or in section 97(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

**F1** 2005 NI 2

**F2** 1998 c. 2

**Changes to legislation:**

The Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 7 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 January 2024. 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 :**

- Instrument amended by [1998 c. 2 s.18\(1\)Sch.3 para.3](#)
- art.7(3) rev. in pt. by [1998 c. 2 s.18\(2\)Sch.4](#)

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

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

- art.2(3)(b) amended by [1996 c. 26 s. 2\(3\)\(4\)](#)
- art.2(3)(b) amended by [1996 c. 26 s. 2\(3\)\(4\)](#)
- arts.5(2)66A7(1) revoked by [1998 c. 2 s.18\(2\)Sch.4](#)