



Public Order Act 1963

1963 CHAPTER 52

An Act to increase the penalties for offences under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1936 and section 1 of the Public Meeting Act 1908. [31st July 1963]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Increased penalties for certain offences.

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1936 (offensive words and behaviour in public places or at public meetings conducive to breach of the peace) or under section 1(1) of the Public Meeting Act 1908 (disorderly conduct designed to break up public meetings) shall be liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £100, or to both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to a fine not exceeding £500, or to both.
- (2) In section 7(2) of the said Act of 1936, for the words " any other offence under this Act " there shall be substituted the words " any offence under this Act other than an offence under section two or section five " ; and in section 1(1) of the said Act of 1908 the words from " and shall" to the end are hereby repealed.
- (3) This section does not apply to offences committed before the passing of this Act.

2 Short title and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Order Act 1963.
- (2) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.