



# Abortion Act 1967

## 1967 CHAPTER 87

### 2 Notification.

- (1) The Minister of Health in respect of England and Wales, and the Secretary of State in respect of Scotland, shall by statutory instrument make regulations to provide—
  - (a) for requiring any such opinion as is referred to in section 1 of this Act to be certified by the practitioners or practitioner concerned in such form and at such time as may be prescribed by the regulations, and for requiring the preservation and disposal of certificates made for the purposes of the regulations;
  - (b) for requiring any registered medical practitioner who terminates a pregnancy to give notice of the termination and such other information relating to the termination as may be so prescribed;
  - (c) for prohibiting the disclosure, except to such persons or for such purposes as may be so prescribed, of notices given or information furnished pursuant to the regulations.
- (2) The information furnished in pursuance of regulations made by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall be notified solely to the [<sup>F1</sup>Chief Medical Officers of the [<sup>F2</sup>Department of Health [<sup>F3</sup>and Social Care]], or of the Welsh Office, or of the [<sup>F4</sup>Scottish Administration].]
- (3) Any person who wilfully contravenes or wilfully fails to comply with the requirements of regulations under subsection (1) of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F5</sup>level 5 on the standard scale].
- (4) Any statutory instrument made by virtue of this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 2: for previous exercises of power see Index to Government Orders  
S. 2: power conferred by s. 2 exercised (S.) by [S.I. 1991/460](#)  
S. 2 power conferred by s. 2 exercised (E.W.) by [S.I. 1991/499](#)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by S. I. 1969/388, **Sch. 1**
- F2** Words substituted by S. I. 1988/1843, art. 5(4), **Sch. 3 para. 3**
- F3** Words in s. 2(2) inserted (11.4.2018) by The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions (Commonhold Land) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/378), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3** (with art. 14)
- F4** Words in s. 2(2) substituted (1.7.1999) by 1999/1042, arts. 1(2)(c), 5, Sch. 3, para. 2
- F5** Words substituted by virtue of (E. W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **s. 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **s. 289G** and by 1995 c. 40, ss. 3, 7(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(1), **Sch. 2 Pt. II** it is provided (S.) (1.4.1996) that s. 2(3) shall have effect as if the maximum fine that may be imposed on summary conviction for the offence mentioned therein were a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale instead of a fine not exceeding £100

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 2: transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1(1), 2, **Sch. 1** (with art. 7); S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**

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