



# Dangerous Litter Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 35

An Act to amend the Litter Act 1958 so as to make better provision for the abatement of dangerous litter; to empower local authorities to promote the abatement of litter by means of publicity; and for purposes connected therewith. [27th May 1971]

**B**E 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:—

Amendment  
of Litter  
Act 1958.  
1958 c. 34.

1.—(1) For offences under the Litter Act 1958 committed after the commencement of this Act the maximum penalty shall be a fine of one hundred pounds (instead of a fine of ten pounds); and accordingly in section 1(1) of that Act for the word “ten” there shall be substituted the words “one hundred”.

(2) In sentencing a person convicted of an offence under that Act the court shall have regard not only to the purpose of the Act in preventing the defacement by litter of places in the open air, but also to the nature of the litter and any resulting risk (in the circumstances of the offence) of injury to persons or animals or of damage to property.

Publicity.

2. A local authority, with a view to promoting the abatement of litter, may take such steps as the authority think appropriate for making known to the public in their area the effect of section 1 of this Act.

Citation,  
extent and  
commence-  
ment.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Dangerous Litter Act 1971, and this Act and the Litter Act 1958 may be cited together as the Litter Acts 1958 and 1971.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

(3) This Act shall come into force at the expiration of a period of one month beginning with the date of its passing.