



# Adoption Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 36

### PART I

#### THE ADOPTION SERVICE

##### *Supplemental*

#### **11 Restriction on arranging adoptions and placing of children**

- (1) A person other than an adoption agency shall not make arrangements for the adoption of a child, or place a child for adoption, unless—
  - (a) the proposed adopter is a relative of the child, or
  - (b) he is acting in pursuance of an order of the High Court.
- (2) An adoption society approved as respects Scotland under section 4 of the Children Act 1975, but which is not approved under section 3 of this Act, shall not act as an adoption society in England and Wales except to the extent that the society considers it necessary to do so in the interests of a person mentioned in section 1 of that Act.
- (3) A person who—
  - (a) takes part in the management or control of a body of persons which exists wholly or partly for the purpose of making arrangements for the adoption of children and which is not an adoption agency; or
  - (b) contravenes subsection (1); or
  - (c) receives a child placed with him in contravention of subsection (1),shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to a fine not exceeding £400 or to both.
- (4) In any proceedings for an offence under paragraph (a) of subsection (3), proof of things done or of words written, spoken or published (whether or not in the presence of any party to the proceedings) by any person taking part in the management or control of a body of persons, or in making arrangements for the adoption of children on behalf of the body, shall be admissible as evidence of the purpose for which that body exists.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) Section 26 shall apply where a person is convicted of a contravention of subsection (1) as it applies where an application for an adoption order is refused.