



# Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 45

### PART IV **S**

#### OFFENCES, POWERS OF CONSTABLES, ETC.

##### *Offences of annoying, offensive, obstructive or dangerous behaviour*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>52B Sections 52 and 52A: exceptions for photographs of 16 and 17 year olds **S****

- (1) If subsection (2) below applies, the accused is not guilty of an offence under section 52(1)(a) of this Act of taking or making an indecent photograph of a child.
- (2) This subsection applies if—
  - (a) either—
    - (i) the photograph was of the child aged 16 or over; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so;
  - (b) at the time of the offence charged or at the time when the accused obtained the photograph, the accused and the child were—
    - (i) married to or civil partners of each other; or
    - (ii) partners in an established relationship; and
  - (c) either—
    - (i) the child consented to the photograph being taken or made; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so.
- (3) If subsection (4) below applies, the accused is not guilty of an offence under section 52(1)(b) of this Act relating to an indecent photograph of a child.
- (4) This subsection applies if—
  - (a) either—
    - (i) the photograph was of the child aged 16 or over; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so;

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- (b) at the time of the offence charged or at the time when the accused obtained the photograph, the accused and the child were—
    - (i) married to or civil partners of each other; or
    - (ii) partners in an established relationship;
  - (c) either—
    - (i) the child consented to the photograph's being taken or made; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so; and
  - (d) the showing or distributing of the photograph was only to the child.
- (5) If subsection (6) below applies, the accused is not guilty of an offence under section 52(1)(c) of this Act relating to an indecent photograph of a child.
- (6) This subsection applies if—
- (a) either—
    - (i) the photograph was of the child aged 16 or over; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so;
  - (b) at the time of the offence charged or at the time when the accused obtained the photograph, the accused and the child were—
    - (i) married to or civil partners of each other; or
    - (ii) partners in an established relationship;
  - (c) either—
    - (i) the child consented to the photograph's being in the accused's possession; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so; and
  - (d) the accused had the photograph in his possession with a view to its being distributed or shown only to the child.
- (7) If subsection (8) below applies, the accused is not guilty of an offence under section 52A of this Act relating to an indecent photograph of a child.
- (8) This subsection applies if—
- (a) either—
    - (i) the photograph was of the child aged 16 or over; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so;
  - (b) at the time of the offence charged or at the time when the accused obtained the photograph, the accused and the child were—
    - (i) married to or civil partners of each other; or
    - (ii) partners in an established relationship; and
  - (c) either—
    - (i) the child consented to the photograph's being in the accused's possession; or
    - (ii) the accused reasonably believed that to be so.
- (9) Subsections (2), (4), (6) and (8) above apply whether the photograph showed the child alone or with the accused, but not if it showed any other person.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 52B, 52C inserted (7.10.2005) by [Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 9\)](#), **ss. 16(3)**, 20(2); S.S.I. 2005/480, art. 2

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

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

- s. 22(1)(c) repealed by [2015 asp 10 s. 65\(3\)](#)
- s. 49(9) added by [2010 asp 13 s. 200\(1\)\(b\)](#)