



# Mental Health Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 20

### PART IV

#### CONSENT TO TREATMENT

#### **62 Urgent treatment.**

- (1) Sections 57 and 58 above shall not apply to any treatment—
  - (a) which is immediately necessary to save the patient's life;
  - (b) which (not being irreversible) is immediately necessary to prevent a serious deterioration of his condition; or
  - (c) which (not being irreversible or hazardous) is immediately necessary to alleviate serious suffering by the patient; or
  - (d) which (not being irreversible or hazardous) is immediately necessary and represents the minimum interference necessary to prevent the patient from behaving violently or being a danger to himself or to others.
- (2) Sections 60 and 61(3) above shall not preclude the continuation of any treatment or of treatment under any plan pending compliance with section 57 or 58 above if the responsible medical officer considers that the discontinuance of the treatment or of treatment under the plan would cause serious suffering to the patient.
- (3) For the purposes of this section treatment is irreversible if it has unfavourable irreversible physical or psychological consequences and hazardous if it entails significant physical hazard.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 14/10/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Mental Health Act 1983, Section 62 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.