



Prosecution of Offences Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 23

PART IV

SUPPLEMENTAL

31 Short title, commencement and extent etc.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act come into force on its passing—
 - (a) this Part (other than subsections (5) and (6) below);
 - (b) sections 11 to 13; and
 - (c) section 15, so far as it applies in relation to sections 11 to 13;and the remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Lord Chancellor or Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) above may—
 - (a) appoint different days for different purposes and in relation to proceedings instituted in different areas; and
 - (b) contain such transitional and supplementary provisions as appear to the Lord Chancellor or, as the case may be, Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient.
- ^{F1}(4)
- (5) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of making minor and consequential amendments in other enactments.
- (6) The enactments specified in Schedule 2 to this Act (which include certain provisions which are already spent) are hereby repealed to the extent set out in the third column of that Schedule.
- (7) This Act does not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 31(4) repealed (21.7.2008) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2008 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Power of appointment conferred by s. 31(2)(3) partly exercised: [S.I. 1985/1849](#), 1986/1029, 1334

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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. 3(2)(ad) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 3(2)(bd) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 3(2)(ef) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 1\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 3(2)(fi) inserted by [2023 c. 15 s. 33\(1\)](#)