



Still-Birth (Definition) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 29

An Act to amend the law in respect of the definition of still-birth; to make certain consequential amendments of the law; and for connected purposes. [16th March 1992]

Be 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:—

Extent Information

E1 Act extends to Great Britain but for exceptions to this see [s. 4\(3\)\(4\)](#)

Commencement Information

II Act partly in force at Royal Assent; Act wholly in force at 1.10.1992 see [s. 4\(2\)](#)

1 Meaning of “still-born child”, etc.

- (1) In section 12 of the ^{M1}Births and Deaths Registration Act 1926 (definitions) and section 41 of the ^{M2}Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (interpretation), in the provisions which relate to the meaning of “still-born child” for the words “twenty-eighth week”, in both places where they occur, there shall be substituted “twenty-fourth week”.
- (2) In section 56(1) of the ^{M3}Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 (interpretation) in the definition of “still-born child” for the words “twenty-eighth week” there shall be substituted “twenty-fourth week”.

Extent Information

E2 [S. 1\(1\)](#) extends to England and Wales only, [s. 1\(2\)](#) extends to Scotland only see [s. 4\(3\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1926 c. 48.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Still-Birth (Definition) Act 1992. (See end of Document for details)

M2	1953 c. 20.
M3	1965 c. 49.

2 Meaning of “confinement” for certain social security purposes.

- (1) In the ^{M4}Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (in this section referred to as “the 1992 Act”)—
- (a) in subsection (6) of section 35 (definition of “confinement” for the purpose of maternity allowance), and
 - (b) in section 171(1) (interpretation of Part XII - statutory maternity pay), in the definition of “confinement”,
- for the words “28 weeks” there shall be substituted “ 24 weeks ”.

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Textual Amendments	
F1	S. 2(2) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14) , Sch. 1 Pt. 17 Group 10
Marginal Citations	
M4	1992 c. 4.

3 Provision for Northern Ireland.

An Order in Council under paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the ^{M5}Northern Ireland Act 1974 (legislation for Northern Ireland in the interim period) which contains a statement that it is made only for purposes corresponding to those of sections 1 and 2 above—

- (a) shall not be subject to paragraph 1 (4) and (5) of that Schedule (affirmative resolution of both Houses of Parliament); but
- (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Marginal Citations	
M5	1974 c. 28.

4 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Still-Birth (Definition) Act 1992.
- (2) This Act (except section 3 above) shall come into force on 1st October 1992.
- (3) Subsection (1) of section 1 above extends to England and Wales only and subsection (2) of that section extends to Scotland only.
- (4) This Act, other than section 3 and this section, does not extend to Northern Ireland.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Still-Birth (Definition) Act 1992.