



Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2000

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1 Reduction in age at which certain sexual acts are lawful

- (1) In the Sexual Offences Act 1956—
 - (a) in subsections (1A) and (1C) of section 12 (buggery); and
 - (b) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 16 (indecenty between men etc.) of Schedule 2 (punishments etc.),for the word “eighteen” there shall be substituted the word “sixteen”.
- (2) In the Sexual Offences Act 1967—
 - (a) in subsections (1) and (6) of section 1 (amendment of law relating to homosexual acts in private), for the word “eighteen” there shall be substituted the word “sixteen”; and
 - (b) in section 8 (restriction on prosecutions), for the word “twenty-one” there shall be substituted the word “sixteen”.
- (3) In section 13 of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 (homosexual offences)—
 - (a) in subsections (1) and (5)(c), for the word “eighteen”; and
 - (b) in subsection (8), for the word “18”,there shall be substituted the word “sixteen”.
- (4) In paragraphs (1) and (5) of Article 3 of the Homosexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (homosexual acts in private), for the word “18” there shall be substituted the word “17”.
- (5) Section 145 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (which is superseded by this section) is hereby repealed.