



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 6

PART 2

POLICE POWERS

Designation of civilians

38 Assaults on, and obstruction of, designated persons

(1) Section 66 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (c. 32) (assaults on, and obstruction of, constables etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Any person who assaults, resists, obstructs or impedes a designated person in the execution of his duty, or a person assisting a designated person in the execution of his duty, shall be guilty of an offence.”

(3) In subsection (2) after “subsection (1)” insert “ or (1A) ”

(4) In subsection (3) after “subsection (1)” insert “ or (1A) ”

(5) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) In subsection (1A) the references to the execution of the duty of a designated person are to—

- (a) the exercise of a power conferred on him by his designation;
- (b) the performance of a duty imposed on him by his designation.

(3B) In this section “designated person” means a person designated under section 30 or 31 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003.”

Changes to legislation:

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003, Section 38 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 October 2023. 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.

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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. 30(1)(d) added by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) art. 6\(1\)](#)
- s. 30(1)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(a\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- s. 30(6)(d) inserted by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 3](#)
- s. 30(6)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(b\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- s. 30(11) added by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 4](#)
- s. 30(11) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(c\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- [Sch. 2 Pt. 3A](#) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(3\)Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- [Sch. 2A para. 17A](#) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 12\(6\)](#)
- [Sch. 4 Pt. 3A](#) inserted by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 5](#)