



# Armed Forces Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 21

### *Final provisions*

#### **18 Meaning of “AFA 2006”**

In this Act “AFA 2006” means the Armed Forces Act 2006.

#### **19 Commencement and transitional provision**

- (1) The provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may appoint by regulations, subject to subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) The following come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) section 1 (duration of AFA 2006);
  - (b) section 13 and the Schedule to this Act (AFA 2006 outside the UK);
  - (c) section 18, this section and sections 20 to 22.
- (3) The following come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) section 14 (repeals relating to discharge for homosexual acts);
  - (b) sections 16 and 17 (Ministry of Defence fire-fighters).
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of a provision of this Act.
- (5) Regulations under this section—
  - (a) are to be made by statutory instrument, and
  - (b) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (6) In section 380(8A) of AFA 2006 (power to amend orders that made transitional provision in connection with the coming into force of that Act), at the end insert “(whether the amendment relates to a subject already dealt with in the earlier order or a new subject)”.

**20      Extent in the United Kingdom**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, subject to subsection (2).
- (2) The amendments made by the following sections have the same extent as the provisions to which they relate—
  - (a) section 14 (repeals relating to discharge for homosexual acts);
  - (b) section 17 (Ministry of Defence fire-fighters: minor amendments).

**21      Extent in the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and British overseas territories**

- (1) The power under section 384(1) of AFA 2006 may be exercised so as to extend to any of the Channel Islands any amendment or repeal made by this Act of a provision of AFA 2006 (with or without modifications).
- (2) This Act, with the exception of sections 5(3), 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20, extends to—
  - (a) the Isle of Man, and
  - (b) the British overseas territories except Gibraltar.
- (3) The power under section 384(2) of AFA 2006 may be exercised so as to modify any provision of AFA 2006 as amended by this Act as it extends to the Isle of Man or a British overseas territory other than Gibraltar.

**22      Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Armed Forces Act 2016.