



# Policing and Crime Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 3

### PART 4

#### POLICE POWERS

### CHAPTER 5

#### MARITIME ENFORCEMENT: ENGLISH AND WELSH OFFENCES

##### *Supplementary provision*

#### **91 Maritime enforcement powers: supplementary: protective searches**

- (1) This section applies where a power conferred by section 88 is exercised in relation to a ship.
- (2) A law enforcement officer may search any person found on the ship for anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person might use to—
  - (a) cause physical injury,
  - (b) cause damage to property, or
  - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (3) The power under subsection (2) may be exercised on board the ship or elsewhere.
- (4) A law enforcement officer searching a person under subsection (2) may seize and retain anything found if the law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person might use it for a purpose mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of that subsection.
- (5) Anything seized under subsection (4) may be retained only for so long as there are reasonable grounds to believe that it might be used as mentioned in that subsection.

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- (6) The power to search a person conferred by subsection (2) does not authorise a law enforcement officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public, other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 91 in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 183
- I2** S. 91 in force at 1.3.2018 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2018/227, reg. 2(d)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2 by [S.I. 2017/1162 reg. 2](#)