



# Perjury Act 1911

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## 4 False statements, &c. as to births or deaths.

(1) If any person—

- (a) wilfully makes any false answer to any question put to him by any registrar of births or deaths relating to the particulars required to be registered concerning any birth or death, or, wilfully gives to any such registrar any false information concerning any birth or death or the cause of any death; or
- (b) wilfully makes any false certificate or declaration under or for the purposes of any Act relating to the registration of births or deaths, or, knowing any such certificate or declaration to be false, uses the same as true or gives or sends the same as true to any person; or
- (c) wilfully makes, gives or uses any false statement or declaration as to a child born alive as having been still-born, or as to the body of a deceased person or a still-born child in any coffin, or falsely pretends that any child born alive was still-born; or
- (d) makes any false statement with intent to have the same inserted in any register of births or deaths:

he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable—

- (i) on conviction thereof on indictment to penal servitude for a term not exceeding seven years, or to imprisonment . . . <sup>F1</sup> for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine instead of either of the said punishments; and
- (ii) on summary conviction thereof, to a penalty not exceeding [<sup>F2</sup>£100].

(2) A prosecution on indictment for an offence against this section shall not be commenced more than three years after the commission of the offence.

### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words omitted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\), s. 1\(2\)](#)

**F2** Words substituted by [Criminal Justice Act 1967 \(c. 80\), Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 S. 4 amended by [Criminal Justice Act 1925 \(c. 86\)](#), s. 28(3)

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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. 4(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 19](#) (This S.I. is amended by S.I. 2019/1458, reg. 19(8))