



Fraudulent Mediums Act 1951

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1 Punishment of fraudulent mediums, &c.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, any person who—
 - (a) with intent to deceive purports to act as a spiritualistic medium or to exercise any powers of telepathy, clairvoyance or other similar powers, or
 - (b) in purporting to act as a spiritualistic medium or to exercise such powers as aforesaid, uses any fraudulent device,shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person shall not be convicted of an offence under the foregoing subsection unless it is proved that he acted for reward; and for the purposes of this section a person shall be deemed to act for reward if any money is paid, or other valuable thing given, in respect of what he does, whether to him or to any other person.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four months or to both such fine and such imprisonment, or on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.
- (4) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be brought in England or Wales except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall apply to anything done solely for the purpose of entertainment.