



Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847

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Harbour, dock, and pier master

55 Penalty on offering bribes to dock officers, and on officers taking bribes.

If any person give or offer any sum of money, or any thing whatsoever, by way of reward or bribe to any harbour master or any officer employed in or about the harbour, dock, or pier, for the purpose of gaining an undue preference in the execution of his office, or for the purpose of inducing such harbour master or other officer to do or omit to do anything relating to his office, or if such harbour master or other officer receive any such reward or bribe as aforesaid, every person so offending shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of [^{F1}level 2 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted (E.W.S.) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 289G**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 55 incorporated (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (16.8.2012) by [The Hinkley Point Harbour Empowerment Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1914\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3** (with arts. 34, 35, 37, 40)
- C2** Ss. 54-56 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (13.2.2013) by [The Caledonian Maritime Assets \(Lochaline Ferry Services Slipway\) Harbour Empowerment Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/46\)](#), arts. 1, **3** (with arts. 21-23)
- C3** S. 55 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (2.11.2013) by [The Whitehills Harbour and Marina \(Constitution\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/308\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3**
- C4** Ss. 54-58 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (5.6.2014) by [The Pennan Harbour Revision Order 2014 \(S.S.I. 2014/158\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(2)-(5)**
- C5** Ss. 54-57 incorporated in part (with modifications) (S.) (19.8.2014) by [The Port of Ardersier Harbour Revision Order 2014 \(S.S.I. 2014/224\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3** (with arts. 31, 32, 34)
- C6** S. 55 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (14.1.2015) by [The Caledonian Maritime Assets \(Brodict\) Harbour Revision Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/6\)](#), arts. 1, **3(1)-(4)** (with arts. 21, 53(3), 55, 57)

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- C7** Ss. 54-59 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (18.3.2016) by [The Lochboisdale and Gasay Port \(Harbour Empowerment\) Order 2016 \(S.S.I. 2016/156\)](#), arts. 1, **3** (with arts. 31, 32)
- C8** Ss. 54-58 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (26.11.2016) by [The Gardenstown Harbour Revision Order 2016 \(S.S.I. 2016/396\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(2)-(5)**
- C9** S. 55 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (10.6.2017) by [The Tobermory Harbour Empowerment Order 2017 \(S.S.I. 2017/196\)](#), arts. 1, **3** (with arts. 36-40)
- C10** Ss. 55-58 incorporated (with modifications) (S.) (4.3.2021) by [The Eyemouth Harbour Revision Order 2021 \(S.S.I. 2021/118\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(2)-(5)** (with arts. 36, 37)

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- Act applied by [S.I. 2024/147 art. 4](#)
- Act excluded by [2023 c. 8 s. 11\(8\)](#)