



Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953

1953 CHAPTER 18

MISCELLANEOUS

39^{F1} Notification of an inquiry into death of prisoner.

- (1) In the event of the death of a prisoner, the governor of a prison shall give immediate notice thereof to the coroner within whose area the prison is situated, and to the^{F2} independent monitoring board], and, where practicable, to the nearest relative of the prisoner.
- (2) The coroner shall hold an inquest into the cause of death of any prisoner in a prison within his area, and, where practicable, sufficient time between the death and the holding of the inquest shall intervene to allow the attendance of the next-of-kin of the prisoner.
- (3) No prison officer nor any person who is engaged in any sort of trade or dealing with a prison shall be a juror on such inquest.

F1 [1955 c. 18](#); [1955 c. 19](#); [1959 c. 15 \(NI\)](#)

F2 [2005 NI 15](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 [S. 39\(3\)](#) applied (28.3.2009 for certain purposes, otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Coroners Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1959 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 18(4) (as added by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 44](#) (with s. 385); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953, Section 39 .