



Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

CHAPTER 15

CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959

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- s. 13(1) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 s. 49\(1\)](#)

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. 16A-16C inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 44\(1\)](#)