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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1977 No. 426**

**Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977**

**Minor and consequential changes in existing law, and repeals**

**13.—(1)** The common law offence of arson is hereby abolished.

*Para.(2) adds para.3(h) to sch. to 1952 c.67;*

*Para.(3) amends s.26(1) and repeals s.26(2)(5) of 1953 c.3 (NI)*

*Para.(4) rep. by 1981 NI 2*

*Para.(5) rep. by 1978 c.5*

(6) The statutory provisions mentioned in Schedule 2 are hereby repealed to the extent specified in column 3 thereof; and where any such statutory provision has been applied by or incorporated in any other statutory provision the repeal shall extend so as to repeal that statutory provision as so applied or incorporated.

(7) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that any provision of a local Act or of any instrument made thereunder is inconsistent with or has become unnecessary in consequence of this Order he may, after consultation with any person appearing to him to be concerned with that provision, by order amend that provision so as to bring it into conformity with this Order or repeal it.

(8) An order made under paragraph (7) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament in like manner as a statutory instrument and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply accordingly.

(9) Without prejudice to the operation of section 28 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (effect of repeal), the repeal by this Article or an order under paragraph (7) of any statutory provision relating to procedure or to the jurisdictional powers of any court shall not affect the operation of that statutory provision in relation to offences committed before the repeal takes effect or to proceedings for any such offence.

*Paras. (10), (11) rep. by 1991 NI 16*

**Changes to legislation:**

Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, Section 13 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(1\)Sch.4 para.13](#)