



Public Order Act 1963

1963 CHAPTER 52

An Act to increase the penalties for offences under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1936 and section 1 of the Public Meeting Act 1908. [31st July 1963]

1 Increased penalties for certain offences. 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6 c. 6.

[^{F1}(1) A person guilty of an offence under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1936 (offensive words and behaviour in public places or at public meetings conducive to breach of the peace) or under section 1(1) of the ^{M1}Public Meeting Act 1908 (disorderly conduct designed to break up public meetings) shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £100, or to both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to a fine not exceeding £500, or to both.]

(2) In section 7(2) of the said Act of 1936, for the words “any other offence under this Act” there shall be substituted the words “any offence under this Act other than an offence under section two or section five”; and in section 1(1) of the said Act of 1908 the words from “and shall” to the end are hereby repealed.

(3) This section does not apply to offences committed before the passing of this Act.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1) repealed (E.W.) by [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45\), s. 65\(5\)\(7\), Sch. 13](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 The text of S. 1(2) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1908 c. 66.](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Order Act 1963. (See end of Document for details)

2 Short title and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Order Act 1963.
- (2) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

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