
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1675

The Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

PART XI

RECOGNIZANCES AND BAIL

Discharge of recognizance of surety where person committed for trial

Provision where person committed for trial about to abscond

134.—(1) Where a person has entered into a recognizance to appear before a magistrates' court or been committed for trial on bail, a surety for such person may make a complaint in writing and upon oath before a justice of the peace that he suspects that such person is about to abscond for the purpose of evading that appearance or trial and the justice may issue a warrant for the arrest of that person and requiring him to be brought before a resident magistrate.

(2) The resident magistrate before whom a person is brought under paragraph (1) may commit such person to prison until his next appearance before a magistrates' court or his trial or until he finds another surety and the recognizance entered into by the original surety shall be discharged.

Changes to legislation:

The Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, Section 134 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 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 [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) arts.3\(4\)25](#)
- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.3\(5\)Sch.1](#)
- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.5\(2\)](#)
- Instrument mod (prosp) by [1994 c. 33 s. 91\(3\)](#)
- Instrument revoked by [1998 c. 41 s.74\(1\)\(3\)Sch.12 para.5Sch.14 Pt.I](#)
- art. 134 applied by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 13\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by [1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 para 30](#)
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- Order applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Order power to modify conferred by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 24\(5\)\(a\)](#) (see s 24(6))

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch.6 Pt.I paras.1819 revoked by [1995 c. 21 s. 314\(1\)Sch.12](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- Sch.6 Pt.I para.5 revoked by [S.I. 1995/756 art.15Sch.](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 128-130 repealed by [2011 c. 15 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- Sch. 6 para. 125 repealed by [2011 c. 16 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- Sch. 6 Pt. 3 para. 170 repealed by [S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I.\) Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- Sch. 6 para. 144 repealed by [2006 c. 48 Sch. 15 Pt. 4](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- Sch. 6 para. 21 repealed by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 11 para. 210](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- Sch. 6 para. 25 repealed by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 11 para. 210](#) (Amendment could not be applied. The relevant affected text is not available on legislation.gov)
- art. 29A excluded by 1975 c. 59, s. 4(3) (as substituted) by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 7\(6\)](#)
- art. 29A inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 7\(2\)](#)
- art. 34(1A)-(1E) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 8\(2\)](#)
- art. 140(2ZA) inserted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 16](#)