



Armed Forces Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 52

An Act to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to amend those Acts and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to authorise the establishment of courts for the trial outside the United Kingdom of civilians subject to Part II of the Army Act 1955 or Part II of the Air Force Act 1955; to make provision for the powers of the courts so authorised in relation to such civilians; to make further provision for the powers of courts-martial in relation to such civilians and to civilians subject to Parts I and II of the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to make further provision as to the disqualification of members of the forces for membership of the House of Commons or the Northern Ireland Assembly; to make further provision for Greenwich Hospital; and for connected purposes. [26th October 1976]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act: Power to amend conferred (*prosp.*) by 2001 c. 19, ss. 30(4)(e), 39(2)
- C2 Words of enactment omitted under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1948 (c. 62), s. 3
- C3 Act amended (women's services) by Armed Forces Act 1981 (c. 55, SIF 7:1), s. 20, Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 1
- C4 Power to amend Act conferred by Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33, SIF 39:1), s. 50(3)(a)(iv)
- C5 By Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 101(1), Sch. 12 para.23; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), Sch.1 it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), Sch. 2) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C6 Act power to amend conferred (25.8.2006) by Armed Forces Act 2001 (c. 19), ss. 30(4)(e), 39(2); S.I. 2006/2309, art. 2
- C7 Act power to amend conferred (4.6.2007) by Armed Forces Act 2006 (c. 52), ss. 381, 383(2); S.I. 2007/1442, art. 2(2)

Commencement Information

- II Act partly in force at Royal Assent, see s. 22(7); Act wholly in force at 1.7.1977

Changes to legislation:

Armed Forces Act 1976, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 May 2023. 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.