



# Theft Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 31

### 4 Punishments.

- (1) Offences under this Act shall be punishable either on conviction on indictment or on summary conviction.
- (2) A person convicted on indictment shall be liable—
  - <sup>F1</sup>(a) .....
  - (b) for an offence under section 3 of this Act, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.
- (3) A person convicted summarily of any offence under this Act shall be liable—
  - (a) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months; or
  - (b) to a fine not exceeding the prescribed sum for the purposes of [<sup>F2</sup>section 32 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980] (punishment on summary conviction of offences triable either way: £1,000 or other sum substituted by order under that Act),or to both.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4(2)(a) omitted (15.1.2007) by virtue of [Fraud Act 2006 \(c. 35\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 14, Sch. 3; S.I. 2006/3200, art. 2](#)
- F2** Words substituted by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43, SIF 82\), Sch. 7 para. 170](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Theft Act 1978, Section 4.