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SEXUAL OFFENCES: GROOMING AND ADOPTION

Adoption

- 2 The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42) has effect subject to the following amendments.
- 3 In section 27(1)(b) (family relationships) after “but for” insert “ section 39 of the Adoption Act 1976 or ”.
- 4 In section 29(1)(b) (sections 25 and 26: sexual relationships which pre-date family relationships) after “if” insert “ section 39 of the Adoption Act 1976 or ”.
- 5 (1) Section 64 (sex with an adult relative: penetration) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) after “(A)” insert “ (subject to subsection (3A)) ”.
- (3) In subsection (3) after “In subsection (2)—” insert—
- “(za) “parent” includes an adoptive parent;
- (zb) “child” includes an adopted person within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002;”.
- (4) After that subsection insert—
- “(3A) Where subsection (1) applies in a case where A is related to B as B's child by virtue of subsection (3)(zb), A does not commit an offence under this section unless A is 18 or over.”
- (5) After subsection (5) insert—
- “(6) Nothing in—
- (a) section 47 of the Adoption Act 1976 (which disapplies the status provisions in section 39 of that Act for the purposes of this section in relation to adoptions before 30 December 2005), or
- (b) section 74 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (which disapplies the status provisions in section 67 of that Act for those purposes in relation to adoptions on or after that date),
- is to be read as preventing the application of section 39 of the Adoption Act 1976 or section 67 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 for the purposes of subsection (3)(za) and (zb) above.”
- 6 (1) Section 65 (sex with an adult relative: consenting to penetration) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) after “(A)” insert “ (subject to subsection (3A)) ”.
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7 In section 47(1) of the Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36) (disapplication of section 39 (status conferred by adoption) for the purposes of miscellaneous enactments) for “sections 10 and 11 (incest) of the Sexual Offences Act 1956” substitute “ or sections 64 and 65 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (sex with an adult relative) ”.

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

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

- Sch. 7 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 90\(3\)](#)