



Welfare Reform Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 24

PART 3

CHILD MAINTENANCE

55 Child support maintenance: offences relating to information

- (1) Section 14A of the Child Support Act 1991 (offences relating to information) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (3A) substitute—
 - “(3A) In the case of regulations under section 14 which require a person liable to make payments of child support maintenance to notify—
 - (a) a change of address, or
 - (b) any other change of circumstances,a person who fails to comply with the requirement is guilty of an offence.”
- (3) After subsection (5) insert—
 - “(6) In England and Wales, an information relating to an offence under subsection (2) may be tried by a magistrates' court if it is laid within the period of 12 months beginning with the commission of the offence.
 - (7) In Scotland, summary proceedings for an offence under subsection (2) may be commenced within the period of 12 months beginning with the commission of the offence.
 - (8) Section 136(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46) (date when proceedings deemed to be commenced) applies for the purposes of subsection (7) as it applies for the purposes of that section.”

Commencement Information

II S. 55(1) in force at 14.1.2010 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2010/45](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#)

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- I2** S. 55(1) in force at 8.10.2012 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2012/2523](#), **art. 2(1)(e)**
- I3** S. 55(2) in force at 8.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2523](#), **art. 2(1)(e)**
- I4** S. 55(3) in force at 14.1.2010 by [S.I. 2010/45](#), **art. 2(3)**

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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- Sch. 4 para. 9(3)(b) repealed by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 7 Pt. 1](#)