



# Policing and Crime Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 3

### PART 4

#### POLICE POWERS

### CHAPTER 6

#### MARITIME ENFORCEMENT: SCOTTISH OFFENCES

#### *Supplementary provision*

#### **103 Maritime enforcement powers: supplementary: protective searches**

- (1) This section applies where a power conferred by section 100 is exercised in relation to a ship.
- (2) A law enforcement officer may search any person found on the ship for anything which the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person might use to—
  - (a) cause physical injury,
  - (b) cause damage to property, or
  - (c) endanger the safety of any ship.
- (3) The power under subsection (2) may be exercised on board the ship or elsewhere.
- (4) A law enforcement officer searching a person under subsection (2) may seize and retain anything found if the law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person might use it for a purpose mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of that subsection.
- (5) Anything seized under subsection (4) may be retained only for so long as there are reasonable grounds to believe that it might be used as mentioned in that subsection.

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (6) The power to search a person conferred by subsection (2) does not authorise a law enforcement officer to require the person to remove any clothing in public, other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves.