



Offences against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100 24 and 25 Vict

Attempts to procure Abortion

59 Procuring drugs, &c. to cause abortion.

[^{F1}Whosoever shall unlawfully supply or procure any poison or other noxious thing, or any instrument or thing whatsoever, knowing that the same is intended to be unlawfully used or employed with intent to procure the miscarriage of any woman, whether she be or be not with child, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable ^{F2} ... to be kept in penal servitude ^{F2} ...]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 59 repealed (N.I.) (22.10.2019) by [Northern Ireland \(Executive Formation etc\) Act 2019 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 9(2), 13(4)** (with s. 12(6))
- F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 59 explained by [Abortion Act 1967 \(c. 87\)](#), **ss. 1, 5(2)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861, Section 59.