



# Courts Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 23

### PART VI

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

##### *Supplemental*

#### **57 Interpretation of this Act and rules of construction of other Acts.**

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—  
the “appointed day” means the commencement of this Act which, as provided by this Act, may be a different date for different purposes,  
.....<sup>F1</sup>  
“sentence”, in relation to an offence, includes any order made by a court when dealing with an offender including—  
(a) a hospital order under [<sup>F2</sup>Part III of the Mental Health Act 1983], with or without an order restricting discharge, and  
(b) a recommendation for deportation made when dealing with an offender.
- (2) .....<sup>F3</sup>
- (3) Except where the context otherwise requires, in this or any other Act—  
(a) .....<sup>F4</sup>  
(b) any reference to the courts abolished by this Act shall include a reference to the Lancaster Palatine Court and the Durham Palatine Court (which are abolished on merger with the High Court).
- (4) Except where the context otherwise requires, in any Act passed after this Act the expression “recorder” shall not include the Recorder of London or an honorary recorder of a borough.
- (5) Any power of making orders contained in any provision of this Act shall include power to vary or revoke an order made under that provision.

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for the Courts Act 1971, Section 57. (See end of Document for details)*

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- (6) It is hereby declared that any power conferred by this Act on the Lord Chancellor or any other authority to give directions includes a power to vary or rescind any direction so given.
- (7) Any reference in this Act to any other enactment is a reference thereto as amended, and includes a reference thereto as extended or applied, by or under any other enactment, including this Act.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Definition of “the Judicature Act 1925” repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)
- F2** Words substituted by [Mental Health Act 1983 \(c. 20, SIF 85\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 4 para. 28](#)
- F3** [S. 57\(2\)](#) repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45\)](#), [Sch. 13](#)
- F4** [S. 57\(3\)\(a\)](#) repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

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