



# Video Recordings Act 1984

## CHAPTER 39

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- s. 3(11) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 2](#)