

# Mental Capacity Act 2005

## **2005 CHAPTER 9**

#### PART 1

### PERSONS WHO LACK CAPACITY

*Miscellaneous and supplementary* 

### 44 Ill-treatment or neglect

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if a person ("D")—
  - (a) has the care of a person ("P") who lacks, or whom D reasonably believes to lack, capacity,
  - (b) is the donee of a lasting power of attorney, or an enduring power of attorney (within the meaning of Schedule 4), created by P, or
  - (c) is a deputy appointed by the court for P.
- (2) D is guilty of an offence if he ill-treats or wilfully neglects P.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or a fine or both.

## **Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/04/2007. This version of this provision has been superseded.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Mental Capacity Act 2005, Section 44.