



Energy Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 52

PART 12

CORE FUEL SECTOR RESILIENCE

CHAPTER 3

ENFORCEMENT

Offences

280 False statements etc

- (1) It is an offence for a person to make a statement which the person knows is false or materially misleading—
 - (a) in responding to a requirement imposed by the Secretary of State—
 - (i) under [section 273](#) (power to require information),
 - (ii) under [section 274\(4\)](#) (duty to report incidents), or
 - (iii) under regulations under [section 276](#) (provision of information at specified intervals), or
 - (b) in making any other statement to the Secretary of State in connection with any of the Secretary of State's functions under this Part.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates' court or a fine (or both);
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);
 - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both);

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for the Energy Act 2023, Section 280. (See end of Document for details)

- (d) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 280 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(1\)](#)
I2 [S. 280](#) in force at 11.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/32](#), [reg. 2\(c\)\(vi\)](#)

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