



Sexual Offences Act 1956

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PART I

OFFENCES, AND THE PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

Intercourse by force, intimidation, etc.

- 1 Rape of woman or man.
- 2 Procurement of woman by threats.
- 3 Procurement of woman by false pretences.
- 4 Administering drugs to obtain or facilitate intercourse.

Intercourse with girls under sixteen

- 5 Intercourse with girl under thirteen.
- 6 †Intercourse with girl between thirteen and sixteen.

Intercourse with defectives

- 7 Intercourse with defective.
- 8 Offences, and the Prosecution and Punishment of Offences
- 9 Procurement of defective.

Incest

- 10 Incest by a man.
- 11 Incest by a woman.

Unnatural offences

- 12 Buggery.
- 13 Indecency between men.

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Assaults

- 14 Indecent assault on a woman.
- 15 Indecent assault on a man.
- 16 Assault with intent to commit buggery.

Abduction

- 17 Abduction of woman by force or for the sake of her property.
- 18 Offences, and the Prosecution and Punishment of Offences
- 19 Abduction of unmarried girl under eighteen from parent or guardian.
- 20 Abduction of unmarried girl under sixteen from parent or guardian.
- 21 Abduction of defective from parent or guardian.

Prostitution, procuration etc.

- 22 Causing prostitution of women.
- 23 Procuration of girl under twenty-one.
- 24 Detention of woman in brothel or other premises.
- 25 Permitting girl under thirteen to use premises for intercourse.
- 26 †Permitting girl between thirteen and sixteen to use premises for intercourse.
- 27 Permitting defective to use premises for intercourse.
- 28 Causing or encouraging prostitution of, intercourse with, or indecent assault on, girl under sixteen.
- 29 Causing or encouraging prostitution of defective.
- 30 Man living on earnings of prostitution.
- 31 Woman exercising control over prostitute.

Solicitation

- 32 Solicitation by men.

Suppression of brothels

- 33 Keeping a brothel.
- 33A Keeping a brothel used for prostitution
- 34 Landlord letting premises for use as brothel.
- 35 Tenant permitting premises to be used as brothel.
- 36 Tenant permitting premises to be used for prostitution.

Powers and procedure for dealing with offenders

- 37 Prosecution and punishment of offences.
- 38 Offences, and the Prosecution and Punishment of Offences
- 39 Offences, and the Prosecution and Punishment of Offences

Powers of arrest and search

- 40 Powers of arrest and search
- 41 †Power of arrest in cases of trading in prostitution, or of soliciting by men.
- 42 Power of search in case of man living on earnings of prostitution.
- 43 Power to search for and remove woman detained for immoral purposes.

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Interpretation

- 44 Meaning of “sexual intercourse”.
- 45 Meaning of “defective”.
- 46 Use of words “man”, “boy”, “woman” and “girl”.
- 46A Meaning of parental responsibility.
- 47 Proof of exceptions.

PART II

SUPPLEMENTARY

Consequential amendments

- 48 Amendments of Acts not consolidated.
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- 50 Adaptation of enactments applying to Northern Ireland.
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- 52 Savings, etc.
- 53 Construction of references to enactments.
- 54 Extent.
- 55 Short title.
- 56 Commencement.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE — Rights of Landlord where Tenant convicted of

PERMITTING USE OF PREMISES AS BROTHEL

- 1 Upon the conviction of the tenant or occupier (in this...
- 2 If the tenant fails to do so within three months,...
- 3 Where the lease or contract is determined under this Schedule,...
- 4 The approval of the lessor or landlord for the purposes...
- 5 This Schedule shall have effect subject to the Rent and...

SECOND — Table of offences, with mode of prosecution, punishments, etc.
SCHEDULE

Part I — *FELONIES AND ATTEMPTS OF FELONIES*

Part II — *OFFENCES OTHER THAN FELONIES AND ATTEMPTS AT FELONIES*

Third Schedule — Consequential Amendments of Enactments not Consolidated.

SCHEDULE 4 —

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