



Law Officers Act 1944

1944 CHAPTER 25 7 and 8 Geo 6

An Act to enable the functions of the Attorney General, of the Lord Advocate and of the Attorney General for Northern Ireland to be discharged respectively by the Solicitor General, by the Solicitor General for Scotland and by deputy in certain cases. [13th July 1944]

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Textual Amendments

^{F1} S. 1 repealed (30.9.1997) by 1997 c.60, s. 3(2)(3), Sch.

2 Lord Advocate and Solicitor General for Scotland.

- (1) Any functions authorised or required, by any enactment or otherwise, to be discharged by the Lord Advocate may be discharged by the Solicitor General for Scotland, if—
 - (a) the office of Lord Advocate is vacant; or
 - (b) the Lord Advocate is unable to act owing to absence or illness; or
 - (c) the Lord Advocate authorises the said Solicitor General to act in any particular case.
- (2) During any period when the office of Lord Advocate is vacant, any certificate, notice, information, intimation, proceedings or other matter or thing whatsoever authorised or required by any enactment to be given, made, directed or done to or against the Lord Advocate may be given, made, directed or done to or against the Solicitor General for Scotland.
- (3) In this section the expression “enactment” includes any enactment passed before the commencement of this Act, and, unless the contrary intention appears, any enactment passed thereafter:
Provided that nothing in this section shall derogate from or prejudice the provisions of section^{F2}287 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.46)]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Law Officers Act 1944. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 2(3) substituted (S.) (13.12.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), s. 206(1), [Sch. 7 para. 5](#); S.S.I. 2010/413, Sch.
- F3** Words added by [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\)](#), [Sch. 9 para. 13](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F4** [S. 3](#) repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

4 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Law Officers Act 1944.

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