



Legislation (Wales) Act 2019

2019 anaw 4

PART 2

INTERPRETATION AND OPERATION OF WELSH LEGISLATION

Duplication of criminal offences

27 Duplicated offences

- (1) Where an act or omission is an offence under an ^{F1}Act of Senedd Cymru] or Welsh subordinate instrument (“A”) and is also an offence—
- (a) under an ^{F1}Act of Senedd Cymru] or Welsh subordinate instrument other than A,
 - (b) at common law, or
 - (c) under an ^{F1}Act of Senedd Cymru] or Welsh subordinate instrument other than A and at common law,

a person is liable to be prosecuted and punished under either or any of those Acts or instruments or at common law, but cannot be punished more than once for the same offence.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the act or omission is also an offence under any legislation to which section 18 of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) applies (but that section makes corresponding provision in relation to such an act or omission).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 5\(8\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 27 in force for specified purposes at 11.9.2019, see s. 44(1)(c)
I2 S. 27 in force at 1.1.2020 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2019/1333](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019, Cross
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