



# Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969

## 1969 CHAPTER 16

### DEFINITION OF "THEFT"

#### **3 "Appropriates".**

- (1) Any assumption by a person of the rights of an owner amounts to an appropriation, and this includes, where he has come by the property (innocently or not) without stealing it, any later assumption of a right to it by keeping or dealing with it as owner.
- (2) Where property or a right or interest in property is or purports to be transferred for value to a person acting in good faith, no later assumption by him of rights which he believed himself to be acquiring shall, by reason of any defect in the transferor's title, amount to theft of the property.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, Section 3.