



Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 ^{F1}

CHAPTER 18

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- 19A Testing prisoners for alcohol
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- S. 21 rep. by 1980 NI 10
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- 25 Being unlawfully at large while under sentence.
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- 36 Evidence in prosecution for escape, etc.
- 37 Restriction on prosecutions.

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S. 40 rep. by 2004 NI 5
- 41 Re-settlement etc., of persons convicted of offences.

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- 49 Short title.

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- First Schedule rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI)
- Second Schedule rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI); 1980 NI 10
- Third Schedule rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI)
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- Fifth Schedule rep. by SLR 1973

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 24(5) repealed by [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I.\) Sch. 6 Pt. 3](#)
- s. 47(1) words repealed by [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I.\) Sch. 6 Pt. 3](#)