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# Defamation Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 31

**U.K.**

An Act to amend the law of defamation and to amend the law of limitation with respect to actions for defamation or malicious falsehood. [4th July 1996]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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**Extent Information**

**E1** For extent see s. 18(1)(2)(3).

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** Act transfer of functions (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 14](#) (with arts. 28-31)

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