



# Armed Forces Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 52

### PART 1

#### OFFENCES

##### *Neglect of duty and misconduct*

#### 22 Ill-treatment of subordinates

- (1) A person subject to service law who is an officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer commits an offence if—
  - (a) he ill-treats a subordinate (“B”);
  - (b) he intends to ill-treat B or is reckless as to whether he is ill-treating B; and
  - (c) he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that B is a subordinate.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a person (“B”) is a subordinate of another person (“A”) if—
  - (a) B is subject to service law; and
  - (b) A is a superior officer of B.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable to any punishment mentioned in the Table in section 164, but any sentence of imprisonment imposed in respect of the offence must not exceed two years.

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

- C1** S. 22 modified (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Naval Chaplains\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/826\)](#), regs. 1, 4 (with reg. 2(c))

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 22 in force at 28.3.2009 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2009/812](#), art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#))

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