



Theft Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 60

Supplementary

34 Interpretation

- (1) Sections 4(1) and 5(1) of this Act shall apply generally for purposes of this Act as they apply for purposes of section 1.
- (2) For purposes of this Act—
 - (a) " gain " and " loss " are to be construed as extending only to gain or loss in money or other property, but as extending to any such gain or loss whether temporary or permanent; and—
 - (i) " gain " includes a gain by keeping what one has, as well as a gain by getting what one has not; and
 - (ii) " loss " includes a loss by not getting what one might get, as well as a loss by parting with what one has;
 - (b) " goods", except in so far as the context otherwise requires, includes money and every other description of property except land, and includes things severed from the land by stealing.

35 Commencement and transitional provisions

- (1) This Act shall come into force on the 1st January 1969 and, save as otherwise provided by this Act, shall have effect only in relation to offences wholly or partly committed on or after that date.
- (2) Sections 27 and 28 of this Act shall apply in relation to proceedings for an offence committed before the commencement of this Act as they would apply in relation to proceedings for a corresponding offence under this Act, and shall so apply in place of any corresponding enactment repealed by this Act.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2) above, no repeal or amendment by this Act of any enactment relating to procedure or evidence, or to the jurisdiction or powers of any court, or to the effect of a conviction, shall affect the operation of the enactment in relation to

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offences committed before the commencement of this Act or to proceedings for any such offence.

36 Short title, and general provisions as to Scotland and Northern Ireland

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Theft Act 1968.
- (2) The restrictions imposed by the Government of Ireland Act 1920 on the powers of the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall not be treated as precluding that Parliament from enacting in relation to Northern Ireland, by any Act passed for purposes similar to this Act, a provision corresponding to any provision of this Act or, in connection therewith, -from repealing or amending in relation to Northern Ireland any provision of Part I of Schedule 2 to this Act.
- (3) This Act does not extend to Scotland or, apart from subsection (2) above, to Northern Ireland, except as regards any amendment or repeal which in accordance with section 33 above is to extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.