



Police Act 1969

1969 CHAPTER 63

An Act to enable assistance to be given to the Royal Ulster Constabulary by home police forces and empower the Parliament of Northern Ireland to enable assistance to be given to home police forces by the Royal Ulster Constabulary; to make provision in connection with the giving of assistance to home police forces by the Royal Ulster Constabulary; to establish a Police Council for the United Kingdom in place of the Police Council for Great Britain; and to enable certain police pensions regulations to be made with retrospective effect and alter the mode of exercising parliamentary control of the power to make them. [11th December 1969]

1 Aid by home police forces of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and vice versa

- (1) The chief officer of police of a police force maintained under the ^{M1}Metropolitan Police Act 1829, the Act of the second and third years of Queen Victoria intituled “An Act for regulating the Police in the City of London” (commonly known as the ^{M2}City of London Police Act 1839), the ^{M3}Police Act 1964 or the ^{M4}Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (hereafter in this Act referred to as a “home police force”) may, on the application of the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or of such other person as may be designated for the purposes of this subsection by order of the Secretary of State, provide constables or other assistance for the purpose of enabling the last-mentioned force to meet a special demand on its resources.
- (2) The Secretary of State, if satisfied . . . ^{F1} that it is expedient in the interests of public safety or order that the Royal Ulster Constabulary should be reinforced or should receive other assistance for the purpose of enabling it to meet a special demand on its resources and that satisfactory arrangements under the foregoing subsection cannot be made or cannot be made in time, may, at his request, direct the chief officer of a home police force to provide such constables or other assistance for that purpose as may be specified in the direction.
- (3) A constable shall, during any period during which he is provided under this section for the assistance of the Royal Ulster Constabulary be under the like direction and control as a member of that force notwithstanding section 5(1) of the ^{M5}Police Act

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1964 or section 17(2) of the ^{M6}Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (controlling powers of chief constables).

(4) F2

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by S.I. 1973/2163, **Sch. 6**

F2 S. 1(4) repealed by Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

Marginal Citations

M1 1829 c. 44.

M2 1839 c. xciv.

M3 1964 c. 48.

M4 1967 c. 77.

M5 1964 c. 48.

M6 1967 c. 77.

2 Provisions for facilitating the engagement of members of home police forces for periods of service in the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

- (1) The following provisions shall have effect with respect to a member (other than the chief officer) of a home police force who, with the consent of the appropriate authority and the Secretary of State, engages for a period of service in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, namely:—
- (a) during that period (or if, during the course thereof, he is dismissed from the Royal Ulster Constabulary or is required to resign as an alternative to dismissal, during such part of that period as ends when he is dismissed or required to resign) he shall, except for the purpose of his being promoted in his home force, be treated as if he were not a member thereof; and
 - (b) he shall, when, by virtue of the foregoing paragraph, he ceases (except for the purpose aforesaid) to be treated as if he were not a member of his home force, be entitled to revert to that force—
 - (i) if he has not been promoted in that force during his period of service in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, in the rank in which he was serving immediately before he engaged for a period of service in the last-mentioned force;
 - (ii) if he has been so promoted, in the rank to which he has been promoted.
- (2) Where, in the case of a person to whom the foregoing subsection applies, the period of service in the Royal Ulster Constabulary for which he engages is, with the consent of the appropriate authority and the Secretary of State, extended or curtailed, paragraph (a) of that subsection shall have effect in relation to him as if, for the references to that period, there were substituted references, as the case requires, to the extended period or the curtailed period.
- (3) A person to whom subsection (1) above applies who is dismissed or required to resign as mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection shall, for the purposes of the Police (Discipline) Regulations, be deemed to have committed, as a member of his home force, an offence against discipline, and may be dealt with under those Regulations accordingly; and for the purposes of this subsection a certificate that such a person has been so dismissed or required to resign, being a certificate given by or on behalf of

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the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or such other person, or such authority, as may be designated for the purposes of this subsection by order of the Secretary of State, shall be evidence (and, in Scotland, sufficient evidence) of that fact.

- (4) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the ^{M7} Police Act 1964 (which, in a case where, at a time when a member of a police in England or Wales is on central service or is serving overseas, that force is amalgamated with another, converts his right of reversion to his force into a right of reversion to the amalgamated force) shall have effect as if, after sub-paragraph (b) thereof, there were inserted the following words—

“or

(c) section 2 of the Police Act 1969”,

and section 24(1) of the ^{M8} Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (which makes similar provision in the case of a member of a police force in Scotland) shall have effect as if, after paragraph (b) thereof, there were inserted the same words.

- (5) In this section—

- (a) “appropriate authority”, in relation to a member of a home police force, other than an assistant chief constable or a deputy chief constable, means the chief officer of that force acting with the consent of the police authority therefor and, in the case of an assistant chief constable or deputy chief constable of such a force, means that authority;
- (b) “Police (Discipline) Regulations” means, in relation to a police force within the meaning of the ^{M9}Police Act 1964, the regulations relating to discipline for the time being in force under section 33 of that Act and, in relation to a police force within the meaning of the ^{M10}Police (Scotland) Act 1967, the regulations relating to discipline for the time being in force under section 26 of that Act.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 2 modified by [Police \(Scotland\) Act 1967 \(c. 77, SIF 95\), s. 24\(1\)](#)

C2 The text of s. 2(4) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M7 1964 c. 48.

M8 1967 c. 77.

M9 1964 c. 48.

M10 1967 c. 77.

3 Provisions with respect to aid given to a home police force by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

- (1) Where, under arrangements authorised by, or in compliance with directions given under, an enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary is provided for the purpose of enabling a home police force to meet a special demand on its resources, he shall, while serving with that force—
- (a) be under the direction and control of the chief officer thereof; and
- (b) have in any place the like (if any) powers and privileges as a member of that force has therein as a constable.

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(2) The police authority maintaining a police force for which assistance is provided under such arrangements, or in compliance with such directions, as are mentioned in the foregoing subsection, shall pay, to such authority in Northern Ireland as may be designated for the purposes of this subsection by order of the Secretary of State, such contribution as may be agreed between the police authority and the authority so designated or as may, in default of agreement, be determined . . . ^{F3} by the Secretary of State . . . ^{F3}

Textual Amendments

F3 Words repealed by [S.I. 1973/2163, Sch. 6](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 Reference to an enactment of Parliament of Northern Ireland to be construed as including a reference to a Measure of Northern Ireland Assembly: [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\), Sch. 5 para. 1](#)

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Textual Amendments

F4 [S. 4](#) repealed by [Police Negotiating Board Act 1980 \(c. 10, SIF 95\), s. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#)

5 ^{F5}

Textual Amendments

F5 [S. 5](#) repealed by [Pensions \(Increase\) Act 1971 \(c. 56\), Sch. 8 Pt. I](#)

6 Orders.

A power conferred by this Act to make an order shall be exercisable by statutory instrument, and a power conferred by any of the foregoing provisions of this Act to make an order shall be construed as including a power, exercisable in the like manner, to vary or revoke the order.

7 Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Police Act 1969.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Secretary of State may be order appoint; and different days may be appointed for different provisions.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 Power of appointment conferred by s. 7(2) partly exercised by [S.I. 1969/1775, 1970/1028, 1971/408](#)

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