



Armed Forces Act 1976

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PART I

GENERAL

Duration of Army Act, Air Force Act and Naval Discipline Act

1 Duration of Services Acts,

- (1) The Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957 shall, instead of expiring at the end of the year 1976, continue in force until 31st August 1977, and shall then expire unless continued in force in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council provide for any of the said Acts to continue in force for a period not exceeding twelve months beyond the day on which it would otherwise expire.
- (3) No Order in Council shall be made under subsection (2) above so as to continue any of the said Acts beyond the end of the year 1981.
- (4) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty in Council to make an order under subsection (2) above unless a draft thereof has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (5) Section 1 of the Armed Forces Act 1971 shall be repealed at the end of the year 1976.

Service in and constitution of forces

2 Regulations as to variation of term of service

In section 2(1)(f) of the Armed Forces Act 1966 (regulations enabling a person to extend full-time or reserve service) after the word " extend" there shall be inserted the words " or reduce ".

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

3 Royal Marines

- (1) The amendments specified in Part I of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of applying certain enactments to the Royal Marines.
- (2) The amendments specified in Part II of that Schedule shall have effect for the purpose of applying certain enactments to warrant officers of the Royal Marines.

4 QARNNS and WRNS

The amendments of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 specified in Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of including Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and the Women's Royal Naval Service in Her Majesty's naval forces for the purposes of that Act.