



Estate Agents Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 38

Supervision, enforcement, publicity etc.

27 Obstruction and personation of authorised officers.

- (1) Any person who—
- (a) wilfully obstructs an authorised officer, or
 - ^{F1}(b)
 - (c) without reasonable cause fails to give an authorised officer [^{F2} any] assistance or information he may reasonably require in performing his functions under this Act, or
 - (d) in giving information to an authorised officer, makes any statement which he knows to be false,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F3}level 4 on the standard scale].

[^{F4}(1A) A failure to give assistance or information shall not constitute an offence under subsection (1)(c) if it is also a failure in relation to which an authorised officer may apply for an order under section 11A above.]

- (2) A person who is not an authorised officer but purports to act as such shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F3}level 5 on the standard scale].
- (3) In this section “authorised officer” means a duly authorised officer of an enforcement authority who is acting in pursuance of this Act.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (1) above requires a person to answer any question or give any information if to do so might incriminate that person or that person’s [^{F5} spouse or civil partner] .

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 27(1)(b) repealed (1.10.2008) by [Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 58(4)(a)(i), 66(2), [Sch. 8](#) (with s. 48(3)); S.I. 2008/905, art. 3(2), [Sch. 2](#)

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- F2** Word in s. 27(1)(c) substituted (1.10.2008) by Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c. 17), **ss. 58(4)(a)(ii)**, 66(2) (with s. 48(3)); S.I. 2008/905, art. 3(2), Sch. 2
- F3** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **s. 46** and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **s. 289G** and (N.I.) by S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), **arts. 5, 6**
- F4** S. 27(1A) inserted (1.10.2008) by Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c. 17), **ss. 58(4)(b)**, 66(2) (with s. 48(3)); S.I. 2008/905, art. 3(2), Sch. 2
- F5** Words in s. 27(4) substituted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), s. 263(10)(b), **Sch. 27 para. 62**; S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)

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