



Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 60

PART V

QUESTIONING AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS BY POLICE

53 Abolition of certain powers of constables to search persons.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, there shall cease to have effect any Act (including a local Act) passed before this Act in so far as it authorises—
- (a) any search by a constable of a person in police detention at a police station; or
 - (b) an intimate search of a person by a constable;
- and any rule of common law which authorises a search such as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) above is abolished.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 53(2) repealed by [Prevention of Terrorism \(Temporary Provisions\) Act 1989 \(c. 4, SIF 39:2\)](#), s. 25(2), [Sch. 9 Pt. I](#)

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