



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 3

PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

Disclosure of information in relation to a person's adoption

59 Offence

Regulations may provide that a registered adoption society which discloses any information in contravention of section 57 is to be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 59 in force at 7.2.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/252](#), **art. 2(b)**
- I2** S. 59 in force at 7.12.2004 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2004/3203](#), **art. 2(1)(m)(v)**
- I3** S. 59 in force at 30.12.2005 for E. in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), **art. 3(k)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

Changes to legislation:

Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 59 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))