



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 1

SEXUAL OFFENCES

Other offences

70 Sexual penetration of a corpse

[^{F1}(1) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) he intentionally performs an act of penetration with a part of his body or anything else,
- (b) what is penetrated is a part of the body of a dead person,
- (c) he knows that, or is reckless as to whether, that is what is penetrated, and
- (d) the penetration is sexual.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 66-72 repealed (N.I.) (2.2.2009) by [The Sexual Offences \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I. 2\)\)](#), arts. 1, 78(e), [Sch. 3](#); (with Sch. 2 para. 1) [S.R. 2008/510](#), [art. 2](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 29/06/2021.

Changes to legislation:

Sexual Offences Act 2003, Section 70 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 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.