



Perjury Act 1911

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3 False statements, &c. with reference to marriage.

(1) If any person—

- (a) for the purpose of procuring a marriage, or a certificate or licence for marriage, knowingly and wilfully makes a false oath, or makes or signs a false declaration, notice or certificate required under any Act of Parliament for the time being in force relating to marriage; or
- (b) knowingly and wilfully makes, or knowingly and wilfully causes to be made, for the purpose of being inserted in any register of marriage, a false statement as to any particular required by law to be known and registered relating to any marriage; or
- (c) forbids the issue of any certificate or licence for marriage by falsely representing himself to be a person whose consent to the marriage is required by law knowing such representation to be false, ^[F1]or
- (d) with respect to a declaration made under section 16(1A) or 27B(2) of the Marriage Act 1949—
 - (i) enters a caveat under subsection (2) of the said section 16, or
 - (ii) makes a statement mentioned in subsection (4) of the said section 27B,

which he knows to be false in a material particular.]

he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and, on conviction thereof on indictment, shall be liable to penal servitude for a term not exceeding seven years or to imprisonment, . . .

^{F2} for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine or to both such penal servitude or imprisonment and fine ^[F3]and on summary conviction thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ^[F4]£100]]

- (2) No prosecution for knowingly and wilfully making a false declaration for the purpose of procuring any marriage out of the district in which the parties or one of them dwell shall take place after the expiration of eighteen months from the solemnization of the marriage to which the declaration refers.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Word “or” and s. 3(1)(d) inserted by [Marriage \(Prohibited Degrees of Relationship\) Act 1986 \(c. 16, SIF 49:1\)](#), **ss. 1(8), 4**
- F2** Words omitted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\)](#), **s. 1(2)**
- F3** Words inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1925 \(c. 86\)](#), **s. 28(1)**
- F4** Words substituted by [Criminal Justice Act 1967 \(c. 80\)](#), **Sch. 3 Pt. I**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 3](#) amended by [Criminal Justice Act 1925 \(c. 86\)](#), **s. 28(3)**

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