



Libraries Offences Act 1898

1898 CHAPTER 53 61 and 62 Vict

An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries. [12th August 1898]

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Libraries Offences Act 1898.

2 Penalty for offences.

Any person who, in any library or reading-room to which this Act applies, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person using the same,—

- (1) behaves in a disorderly manner;
- (2) uses violent, abusive, or obscene language;
- ^{F1}(3)
- (4) or who, after proper warning, persists in remaining therein beyond the hours fixed for the closing of such library or reading-room, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding [^{F2}level 1 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(3) repealed (1.9.2007) by [Gambling Act 2005 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 358(1), Sch. 16 para. 2, [Sch. 17](#) (with ss. 352, 354, Sch. 16 paras. 21); S.I. 2006/3272, art. 2(4)(5), Sch. 3B (with arts. 7-11arts. 7-12Sch. 4) (as inserted by [S.I. 2007/2169](#), arts. 3, 6, Sch.)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c.48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46

3 Application of Act.

This Act shall apply—

- (a)

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- (b) to any library or reading-room maintained by a Society^[F4] that is a registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, or is registered^{M1} under the ^[F5]Friendly Societies Act 1974,] or by any registered Trade Union.

Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 3(a) repealed by [Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 \(c. 75\)](#), **Sch. 3**
- F4** Words in s. 3 substituted (1.8.2014) by virtue of [Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 154, **Sch. 4 para. 20** (with Sch. 5)
- F5** Words substituted by virtue of [Friendly Societies Act 1974 \(c. 46\)](#), **Sch. 10 para. 2**
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Marginal Citations

- M1** 1974 c. 46.

4 Extent of Act.

This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland.

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