
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 345

The Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020

PART 8

Amendments

Amendments to offence of child destruction

13.—(1) Section 25 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1945⁽¹⁾ (offence of child destruction) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) for “sub-section” substitute “section”.

(3) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply to—

(a) the pregnant woman herself; or

(b) a registered medical professional (within the meaning of the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020) who terminates a pregnancy in accordance with regulations 3 to 8 of those Regulations.”.

(4) At the end insert—

“(3) Proceedings in respect of an offence under subsection (1) may be brought only by, or with the consent of, the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.”.

⁽¹⁾ 1945 c. 15 (N.I.). Section 25 was amended by the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 c.14 (N.I.).