

CRIMINAL LAW ACT 1976

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL LAW.

[24th September, 1976]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

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Penalties for certain offences under Act of 1939.

2. - (1) The maximum penalty for a felony under section 6 of the Act of 1939 shall be imprisonment for 20 years and accordingly, section 6 (1) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution of "to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years" for "to suffer penal servitude for a term not exceeding ten years or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years".

(2) The maximum penalty for a misdemeanour under section 6 of the Act of 1939 shall be imprisonment for 20 years and, accordingly, section 6 (2) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution of "imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years" for "imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years".

(3) The maximum penalty for a felony under section 7 of the Act of 1939 shall be imprisonment for 20 years and, accordingly, section 7 (1) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution of "to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years" for "to suffer penal servitude for a term not exceeding seven years or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years".

(4) The maximum penalty for a misdemeanour under section 7 of the Act of 1939 shall be imprisonment for 20 years and, accordingly, section 7 (2) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution of "imprisonment for a term not exceeding 20 years" for "imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years".

(5) The maximum penalty for an offence under section 15 of the Act of 1939 shall be imprisonment for 15 years and, accordingly, section 15 (3) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution of "15 years" for "two years".

(6) The maximum penalty for an offence under section 21 of the Act of 1939 shall be, in the case of a conviction on indictment, imprisonment for 7 years and, accordingly, section 21 (2) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution in paragraph (b) of "7 years" for "two years".

(7) The maximum penalty for an offence under section 27 of the Act of 1939 shall be a fine of £500 or imprisonment for 12 months or both and, accordingly, section 27 (4) of that Act is hereby amended by the substitution of "£500" for "fifty pounds" and "12 months" for "three months"

Incitement or invitation to join etc. an unlawful organisation.

3. - Any person who recruits another person for an unlawful organisation or who incites or invites another person (or other persons generally) to join an unlawful organisation or to take part in, support or assist its activities shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years.

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