Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 34

An Act to increase the maximum term of imprisonment which may be imposed on conviction on indictment of an offence under section 19 or 20 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 or section 15 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1975. [22nd July 1977]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Increase in penalty for certain offences connected with terrorism.
1973 c. 53.
1975 c. 62.

1.—(1) The following provisions of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1975 shall be amended in accordance with subsection (2) below:—

(*a*) section 19 of the Act of 1973 (which, among other things, provides that it is an offence to belong to a proscribed organisation, punishable summarily with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding £400 or on indictment with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine, or both);

(*b*) section 20 of the Act of 1973 (which provides that the unauthorised collection etc. of certain information is an offence, so punishable); and

(*c*) section 15 of the Act of 1975 (which provides that it is an offence, so punishable, to instruct or train, or to receive instruction or training, in the making or use of firearms, explosives or explosive substances).

(2) In subsection (1) of the said sections 19, 20 (as substituted by section 13 of the Act of 1975) and 15, for " five years " there shall be substituted, in each case, " ten years ".

(3) This section shall only have effect in relation to offences committed after the coming into force of this Act.

Short title, commencement and extent.

2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1977.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the expiry of the period of two weeks beginning with the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act shall extend to Northern Ireland only.