

Northern Ireland Assembly

Justice (No. 2) Bill

Annotated Marshalled List of Amendments Further Consideration Stage

Tuesday 1 March 2016

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 24 February 2016 and selected for debate

Amendment 1 [Made]

Clause 35, Page 29, Line 2

Leave out 'may' and insert 'shall'

Amendment 2 [Made]

Clause 39, Page 32, Line 5

Leave out 'may' and insert 'shall'

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 51, Page 39, Line 25

Leave out '12' and insert '6'

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Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 51, Page 39, Line 26

After 'fine' insert 'not exceeding the statutory maximum'

Minister of Justice

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 51, Page 39, Line 26

At end insert -

(10) Schedule 3A makes special provision in connection with the operation of this section in relation to persons providing information society services.'

Minister of Justice

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 54, Page 40, Line 37

Leave out subsection (1) and (2) and insert -

- (1) A person commits an offence if he or she assaults—
 - (a) an ambulance worker in the execution of that ambulance worker's duty;
- (b) a person who is assisting an ambulance worker in the execution of that ambulance worker's duty.

(2) "Ambulance worker" means a person who provides ambulance services (including air ambulance services) under arrangements made by or at the request of—

- (a) the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust,
- (b) St. John Ambulance (NI),
- (c) the British Red Cross Society, or
- (d) the charity registered in the Republic of Ireland known as the Order of Malta Ireland.'

Amendment 7[Made]

New Schedule

After schedule 3 insert -

SCHEDULE 3A

Section 51.

PRIVATE SEXUAL PHOTOGRAPHS ETC: PROVIDERS OF INFORMATION SOCIETY SERVICES

Exceptions for mere conduits

1.—(1) A service provider is not capable of committing an offence under section 51 in respect of anything done in the course of providing so much of an information society service as consists in—

- (a) the provision of access to a communication network, or
- (b) the transmission in a communication network of information provided by a recipient of the service,

if the condition in sub-paragraph (2) is satisfied.

(2) The condition is that the service provider does not—

- (a) initiate the transmission,
- (b) select the recipient of the transmission, or
- (c) select or modify the information contained in the transmission.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) the provision of access to a communication network, and
- (b) the transmission of information in a communication network,

includes the automatic, intermediate and transient storage of the information transmitted so far as the storage is solely for the purpose of carrying out the transmission in the network.

(4) Sub-paragraph (3) does not apply if the information is stored for longer than is reasonably necessary for the transmission.

Exception for caching

2.—(1) This paragraph applies where an information society service consists in the transmission in a communication network of information provided by a recipient of the service.

(2) The service provider is not capable of committing an offence under section 51 in respect of the automatic, intermediate and temporary storage of information so provided, if—

- (a) the storage of information is solely for the purpose of making more efficient the onward transmission of the information to other recipients of the service at their request, and
- (b) the condition in sub-paragraph (3) is satisfied.

(3) The condition is that the service provider—

- (a) does not modify the information,
- (b) complies with any conditions attached to having access to the information, and
- (c) where sub-paragraph (4) applies, expeditiously removes the information or disables access to it.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies if the service provider obtains actual knowledge that—
 - (a) the information at the initial source of the transmission has been removed from the network,
 - (b) access to it has been disabled, or

(c) a court or administrative authority has ordered the removal from the network of, or the disablement of access to, the information.

Exception for hosting

3.—(1) A service provider is not capable of committing an offence under section 51 in respect of anything done in the course of providing so much of an information society service as consists in the storage of information provided by a recipient of the service if sub-paragraph (2) or (3) is satisfied.

(2) This sub-paragraph is satisfied if the service provider had no actual knowledge when the information was provided—

- (a) that it consisted of or included a private sexual photograph or film,
- (b) that it was provided without the consent of an individual who appears in the photograph or film, or
- (c) that the photograph or film was provided with the intention of causing distress to that individual.

(3) This sub-paragraph is satisfied if, on obtaining such knowledge, the service provider expeditiously removed the information or disabled access it to it.

(4) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply if the recipient of the service is acting under the authority or control of the service provider.

Interpretation

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of this Schedule.

- (2) "Photograph or film" has the meaning given in section 51.
- (3) "Information society service"—
 - (a) has the meaning given in Article 2(a) of the E-Commerce Directive (which refers to Article 1(2) of Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations), and
 - (b) is summarised in recital 17 of the E-Commerce Directive covering "any service normally provided for remuneration, at a distance, by means of electronic equipment for the processing (including digital compression) and storage of data, and at the individual request of a recipient of a service",

and "the E-Commerce Directive" means Directive 2000/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2000 on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the Internal Market (Directive on electronic commerce).

(4) "Recipient", in relation to a service, means a person who, for professional ends or otherwise, uses an information society service, in particular for the purposes of seeking information or making it accessible.

(5) "Service provider" means a person providing an information society service.'

Amendment 8[Made]

Long Title

Leave out 'the possession of extreme pornographic' and insert 'extreme pornographic and other sexual' Minister of Justice

Amendment 9[Made]

Long Title

After 'images,' insert 'assaults on persons providing ambulance services,'