STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 926 (N.I. 10)

Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland) Order 1979

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Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 … *Commencement …*

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

"medical practitioner" means a fully registered person within the meaning of section 54(1) of the Medical Act 1956 ;

"minor" means a person under the age of 18;

"tattoo" means the insertion into the skin of any colouring material designed to leave a permanent mark.

Prohibition of tattooing of minors

3.—(1) Subject to Article 4, any person who tattoos a minor shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding**[**F1 five hundred pounds**]**.

Annotations:
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Defences

4. A person shall not be guilty of an offence under Article 3—

(a) if he reasonably believes that the minor is not under the age of 18; or

(b) if, being a medical practitioner or working under the direction of a medical practitioner, he performs the tattoo for medical reasons.