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Criminal Evidence Act 2019

CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 2019 (APPOINTED DAY) ORDER 2019

Laid before Tynwald:

9 April 2019

The Department of Home Affairs makes the following Order under section 2 of the Criminal Evidence Act 2019.

1 Title

This Order is the Criminal Evidence Act 2019 (Appointed Day) Order 2019.

2 Interpretation

In this Order “the Act” means the Criminal Evidence Act 2019.

3 Commencement of the Act

The Act comes into operation on 1 May 2019 and applies to offences in respect of which, on or after that date —

- (a) a charge is preferred against an accused; or
- (b) a summons or warrant is issued under section 4 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1989.

4 Disapplication of Criminal Justice Act 2001

Sections 53 and 54 of the Criminal Justice Act 2001 (which concern the admissibility of evidence of bad character in respect of both defendants and others) shall not apply in relation to offences to which, by virtue of article 3 of this Order, the Act applies.

MADE 25 MARCH 2019

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Minister for Home Affairs



EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Order)***

This Order brings the Criminal Evidence Act 2019 into operation on 1 May 2019 in respect of criminal proceedings commenced on or after that date. It also contains a transitional provision which disapplies sections 53 and 54 of the Criminal Justice Act 2001 (which made other provision about the admissibility of evidence of bad character) in relation to cases to which the 2019 Act's rules will apply, in order to prevent a conflict between the different approaches taken by the two Acts.