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## FRAUDULENT MEDIUMS ACT 1952

*Received Royal Assent:* 10 March 1952  
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**AN ACT** to make, in substitution for certain provisions of section two of the Vagrancy Act, 1896, express provision for the punishment of persons who fraudulently purport to act as spiritualistic mediums or to exercise powers of telepathy, clairvoyance or other similar powers.

**GENERAL NOTE:** The maximum fines in this Act are as increased by the *Fines Act 1986* and by the *Criminal Justice (Penalties, Etc.) Act 1993 s 1*.

### **1 Punishment of fraudulent mediums, etc**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, any person who —
- (a) with intent to deceive purports to act as a spiritualistic medium or to exercise any powers of telepathy, clairvoyance or other similar powers; or
  - (b) in purporting to act as a spiritualistic medium or to exercise such powers as aforesaid, uses any fraudulent device;
- shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person shall not be convicted of an offence under the foregoing subsection unless it is proved that he acted for reward; and for the purposes of this section a person shall be deemed to act for reward if any money is paid, or other valuable thing given, in respect of what he does, whether to him or to any other person.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,500 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding four months or to both such fine and such imprisonment, or on conviction on indictment to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.<sup>1</sup>

- (4) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be brought except by or with the consent of the Attorney-General.

**2 [Repealed]<sup>2</sup>**

**3 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Fraudulent Mediums Act, 1952.

**4 Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation when the Royal Assent thereto has been by the Governor announced to Tynwald and a Certificate thereof has been signed by the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

**ENDNOTES****Table of Legislation History**

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Year and No</b>	<b>Commencement</b>

**Table of Renumbered Provisions**

<b>Original</b>	<b>Current</b>

**Table of Endnote References**

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<sup>1</sup> Subs (3) amended by Fines Act 1986 Sch 2.

<sup>2</sup> S 2 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1983 Sch 2.