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<i>Received Royal Assent:</i>	<i>20 January 1954</i>
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**AN ACT** to prohibit the carrying of offensive weapons in public places without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

### **1 Prohibition of the carrying of offensive weapons without lawful authority or reasonable excuse**

- (1) Any person who without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on him, has with him in any public place any offensive weapon shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable —
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or both;<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine, or both.<sup>2</sup>
- (2) Where any person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) of this section, the court may make an order for the forfeiture or disposal of any weapon in respect of which the offence was committed.
- (3) [Repealed]<sup>3</sup>
- (4) In this section, “public place” includes any highway and any other premises or place to which at the material time the public have, or are permitted to have, access, whether on payment or otherwise; and “offensive weapon” means any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him.

### **2 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Crime Act, 1954.

### **3 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

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<sup>1</sup> Para (a) amended by Fines and Penalties Act 2024 Sch 5.

<sup>2</sup> Para (b) amended by Fines Act 1986 Sch 2.

<sup>3</sup> Subs (3) repealed by Police Powers and Procedures Act 1998 Sch 5.