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/There are no sections 13 to 16./

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[There are no sections 55 and 56.]

- 57. *[Repealed]*

[There are no sections 58 to 70.]

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Right of private defence of body

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