



# Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER 9

### PART I

#### DETENTION, TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF OFFENDERS

##### *Early release*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>10A Transfer of supervision of life prisoners**

- (1) This section applies to a life prisoner released on licence in respect of whom, whether before or after the coming into force of section 3 of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 7), an order was made under paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (c.43) transferring responsibility for his supervision to the Scottish Ministers and ordering that the supervision or, as the case may be, the remainder of it be undergone in Scotland, that order being an unrestricted transfer within the meaning of paragraph 6(1) of that Schedule.
- (2) This Part of this Act—
  - (a) shall apply to such a life prisoner, except one released on compassionate grounds, as if that prisoner had served the punishment part of his life sentence and had been released on licence under section 2(4) of this Act;
  - (b) shall apply to such a life prisoner released on compassionate grounds as if that prisoner had been released on licence under section 3 of this Act.
- (3) If, in the case of such a life prisoner released on compassionate grounds—
  - (a) the Scottish Ministers revoke that life prisoner's licence and recall him to prison under section 17(1) of this Act; and
  - (b) the Parole Board does not, under section 17(4) of this Act, direct that he be <sup>F2</sup>... released on licence,

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section 10 of this Act shall apply to the life prisoner as it applies to a transferred life prisoner within the meaning of section 10 whose transfer occurred after the coming into force of section 3 of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001.

- (4) References in this section to a life prisoner’s release on compassionate grounds are references to his release under section 30 of the 1997 Act or under equivalent provision made for Northern Ireland such as is mentioned in subsection (5) below.
- (5) The provision referred to in subsection (4) above is—
- (a) a provision made by Order in Council under section 85 (provisions dealing with certain reserved matters) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c.47) governing the release of life prisoners on compassionate grounds; or
  - (b) any provision to that effect, including one made as described in paragraph (a) above, identified by the Scottish Ministers by order made by statutory instrument.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 10A inserted (8.10.2001) by 2001 asp 7, s. 3(2); S.S.I. 2001/274, art. 3(3)
- F2** Word in s. 10A(3)(b) repealed (1.10.2020) by Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 14), ss. 53(2), 63(2); S.S.I. 2020/283, reg. 2(o) (with reg. 5)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 3A(3A) inserted by [2019 asp 14 s. 51\(2\)](#)
- s. 3B inserted by [2019 asp 14 s. 51\(3\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(a) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(b) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 3B(1)(b) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 3B(4)(b) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 52\(10\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 3C-3E and cross-heading inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- s. 3AA(4)(aa) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 3AA(7A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 3AB3AC inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 11(3C)(3D) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 12(3A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 11\(3\)](#)
- s. 12AA(7) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 9\(8\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 12ZA inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 16(2A) inserted by [2016 asp 1 s. 86\(4\)](#)
- s. 17(2A)(2B) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 17A(2B)(2C) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 17B inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 10\(4\)](#)
- s. 27(7A)(7B) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)