



Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

2001 CHAPTER 16

PART 1

PROVISIONS FOR COMBATTING CRIME AND DISORDER

CHAPTER 1

ON THE SPOT PENALTIES FOR DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR

Penalty notices and penalties

2 Penalty notices

- (1) A constable who has reason to believe that a person aged [^{F1}10] or over has committed a penalty offence may give him a penalty notice in respect of the offence.
 - (2) Unless the notice is given in a police station, the constable giving it must be in uniform.
 - (3) At a police station, a penalty notice may be given only by an authorised constable.
 - (4) In this Chapter “penalty notice” means a notice offering the opportunity, by paying a penalty in accordance with this Chapter, to discharge any liability to be convicted of the offence to which the notice relates.
 - (5) “Authorised constable” means a constable authorised, on behalf of the chief officer of police for the area in which the police station is situated, to give penalty notices.
- [^{F2}(6) The Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) amend subsection (1) by substituting for the age for the time being specified in that subsection a different age which is not lower than 10, and
 - (b) if that different age is lower than 16, make provision as follows—
 - (i) where a person whose age is lower than 16 is given a penalty notice, for a parent or guardian of that person to be notified of the giving of the notice, and

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- (ii) for that parent or guardian to be liable to pay the penalty under the notice.
- (7) The provision which may be made by virtue of subsection (6)(b) includes provision amending, or applying (with or without modifications), this Chapter or any other enactment (whenever passed or made).
- (8) The power conferred by subsection (6) is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (9) No order shall be made under subsection (6) unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.]

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Word in s. 2(1) substituted (26.12.2004) by [The Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour \(Amendment of Minimum Age\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3166\)](#), [art. 2](#)
- F2** [S. 2\(6\)-\(9\)](#) inserted (20.1.2004) by [Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 \(c. 38\)](#), [ss. 87\(3\)](#), 93; S.I. 2003/3300, [art. 2\(f\)\(iii\)](#)

3 Amount of penalty and form of penalty notice

- (1) The penalty payable in respect of a penalty offence is such amount as the Secretary of State may specify by order.

[^{F3}(1A) The Secretary of State may specify different amounts for persons of different ages.]

- (2) But the Secretary of State may not specify an amount which is more than a quarter of the amount of the maximum fine for which a person is liable on [^{F4}summary] conviction of the offence.
- (3) A penalty notice must—
 - (a) be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) state the alleged offence;
 - (c) give such particulars of the circumstances alleged to constitute the offence as are necessary to provide reasonable information about it;
 - (d) specify the suspended enforcement period (as to which see section 5) and explain its effect;
 - (e) state the amount of the penalty;
 - (f) state the [^{F5}designated officer for a local justice area] to whom, and the address at which, the penalty may be paid; and
 - (g) inform the person to whom it is given of his right to ask to be tried for the alleged offence and explain how that right may be exercised.
- (4) “Prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (5) The power to make regulations or an order conferred by this section is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (6) Such an instrument shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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- F3** S. 3(1A) inserted (20.1.2004) by Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 (c. 38), ss. 87(4), 93; S.I. 2003/3300, art. 2(f)(iii)
- F4** Word in s. 3(2) inserted (1.11.2004) by The Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) and Police Reform Act 2002 (Modification) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2540), arts. 1(4), 3
- F5** Words in s. 3(3)(f) substituted (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), ss. 109(1), 110, Sch. 8 para. 397; S.I. 2005/910, art. 3

4 Effect of penalty notice

- (1) This section applies if a penalty notice is given to a person (“A”) under section 2.
- (2) If A asks to be tried for the alleged offence, proceedings may be brought against him.
- (3) Such a request must be made by a notice given by A—
 - (a) in the manner specified in the penalty notice; and
 - (b) before the end of the period of suspended enforcement (as to which see section 5).
- (4) A request which is made in accordance with subsection (3) is referred to in this Chapter as a “request to be tried”.
- (5) If, by the end of the suspended enforcement period—
 - (a) the penalty has not been paid in accordance with this Chapter, and
 - (b) A has not made a request to be tried,a sum equal to one and a half times the amount of the penalty may be registered under section 8 for enforcement against A as a fine.

5 General restriction on proceedings

- (1) Proceedings for the offence to which a penalty notice relates may not be brought until the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the date on which the notice was given (“the suspended enforcement period”).
- (2) If the penalty is paid before the end of the suspended enforcement period, no proceedings may be brought for the offence.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the person to whom the penalty notice was given has made a request to be tried.

6 Secretary of State’s guidance

The Secretary of State may issue guidance—

- (a) about the exercise of the discretion given to constables by this Chapter;
- (b) about the issuing of penalty notices;
- (c) with a view to encouraging good practice in connection with the operation of provisions of this Chapter.

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

- Blanket amendment words substituted by S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6

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

- s. 2(1A) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 3(3)
- s. 2(4A) (4B) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 3(7)
- s. 2A inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 4
- s. 3(3A) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 5(3)
- s. 4(6)-(10) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 6(3)
- s. 5(2A) (2B) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 7(3)
- s. 6(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 8
- s. 10(7) inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 10(3)
- s. 10A and cross-heading inserted by 2012 c. 10 Sch. 23 para. 11
- s. 57(1)(s) inserted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 62(b)
- s. 57(1)(t) inserted by 2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 71(b)
- s. 59(13) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 82(5)
- s. 65(8B) inserted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 63(3)
- s. 66(4)(q)(r) inserted by S.I. 2008/1277 Sch. 2 para. 63
- s. 66(4)(q) omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 64(a)
- s. 66(4)(r) omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 64(a)
- s. 66(4)(s) inserted by S.I. 2010/2960 Sch. 6 para. 2(3)(b)
- s. 66(4)(s) omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 64(a)
- s. 66(4)(s) words substituted by S.I. 2011/1065 reg. 2(3)
- s. 66(4)(t) inserted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 64(d)
- s. 66(4)(ja) inserted by 2008 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20(a)
- s. 67A inserted by 2016 anaw 6 s. 185(2)
- s. 69(2A) inserted by S.I. 2010/976 Sch. 14 para. 46(3)
- s. 97(1A)(1B) inserted by 2014 c. 12 s. 123(5)(a)
- s. 97(4)(c)-(cb) substituted for s. 97(4)(c) by 2011 c. 13 Sch. 16 para. 271(b)
- s. 97(6)(c)(iv) and word inserted by 2017 c. 3 s. 40(2)(b)
- Sch. 1 para. 73M and cross-headings inserted by 2010 asp 5 s. 141(6)
- Sch. 1 para. 73O inserted by S.R. 2011/331 Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 20(b)
- Sch. 1 para. 73L and cross heading inserted by 2009 c. 23 s. 253(7)
- Sch. 1 para. 73M inserted by 2010 c. 11 Sch. 3 para. 1
- Sch. 1 para. 63A and cross-heading inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 9 para. 145
- Sch. 1 para. 69A 69B inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 9 para. 28
- Sch. 1 para. 82A inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 9 para. 29
- Sch. 1 para. 73P and cross-heading inserted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 65(5)
- Sch. 1 para. 73Q and cross-heading inserted by 2017 c. 6 s. 23(9)
- Sch. 1 para. 73S inserted by 2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 73(b)
- Sch. 1 para. 73N inserted by S.I. 2010/2960 Sch. 6 para. 2(4)(b)
- Sch. 1 para. 68A inserted by S.I. 2016/680 reg. 13(5)
- Sch. 1 para. 73R inserted by S.I. 2017/730 Sch. 3 para. 6
- Sch. 1 para. 73S inserted by S.I. 2018/435 art. 2
- Sch. 1 para. 73N omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 65(2)(k)
- Sch. 1 para. 73O omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 65(2)(l)
- Sch. 1 para. 73N words substituted by S.I. 2011/1065 reg. 2(4)
- Sch. 2 para. 4D 4E inserted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 66(5)
- Sch. 2 para. 9D inserted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 66(8)
- Sch. 2 para. 4B 4C inserted by S.I. 2008/1277 Sch. 2 para. 65(2)
- Sch. 2 para. 9B 9C inserted by S.I. 2008/1277 Sch. 2 para. 65(3)

- Sch. 2 para. 4B omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 66(2)
- Sch. 2 para. 4C omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 66(2)
- Sch. 2 para. 9B omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 66(2)
- Sch. 2 para. 9C omitted by 2015 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 66(2)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2003/3300 art. 2 commences (2003 c. 38)
- S.I. 2004/3338 art. 3(b) commences (2002 c. 30)
- S.I. 2008/755 art. 2 15-18 commences (2007 c. 27)
- S.I. 2008/790 art. 2 3 commences (2006 c. 48)
- S.I. 2008/1886 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 46)
- S.I. 2008/2504 art. 2 commences (2007 c. 27)
- S.I. 2008/2550 art. 2 Sch. commences (2007 c. 17)
- S.I. 2008/2860 art. 3 4 Sch. 1 commences (2006 c. 46)
- S.I. 2009/812 art. 3 commences (2006 c. 52)
- S.I. 2009/1167 art. 3 4 commences (2006 c. 52)
- S.I. 2009/2232 art. 2 commences (2008 c. 22)
- S.I. 2009/2565 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 15)
- S.I. 2009/3345 art. 2 Sch. commences (2009 c. 23)
- S.I. 2010/987 art. 2 commences (2008 c. 22)
- S.I. 2011/3019 art. 3 Sch. 1 commences (2011 c. 13)
- S.S.I. 2010/230 art. 2-4 commences (2010 asp 5)
- S.R. 2011/11 art. 2 Sch. commences (2008 c. 12 (N.I.))