

**2003 No. 1691**

**PRISONS**

**The Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - - 6th July 2003*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House, in accordance with section 34A(6) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991(a);

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 34A(5)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003 and shall come into force on the expiry of seven days after the day on which it is made.

**Repeal of age restriction**

2. In section 34A(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, the words “aged 18 or over” are repealed.

Home Office  
6th July 2003

*Paul Goggins*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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(a) 1991 c. 53. Section 34A was inserted by section 99 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends section 34A(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 so that the age restriction for early release under that section is removed. This means that short-term prisoners under the age of 18 will be eligible for release on licence under section 34A(3).

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