



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Supplemental

101 Interpretation.

(1) Except where the context otherwise requires, in this Act—

^{F1}...

^{F2}^{F3}“British Transport Police Force” means the constables appointed under section 53 of the British Transport Commission Act 1949 (c. xxix);]

“chief officer of police” means—

- (a) in relation to a police force maintained under section 2, the chief constable,
- (b) in relation to the metropolitan police force, the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and
- (c) in relation to the City of London police force, the Commissioner of Police for the City of London ;

“City of London police area” means the City of London as defined for the purposes of the Acts relating to the City of London police force;

^{F4}“Common Council” means the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as police authority for the City of London police area;

“elected local policing body” means—

- (a) a police and crime commissioner;
- (b) the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;

“local policing body” means—

- (a) a police and crime commissioner (in relation to a police area listed in Schedule 1);

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(b) the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (in relation to the metropolitan police district);

(c) the Common Council (in relation to the City of London police area);

“Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime” means the body established under section 3 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011;]

“metropolitan police district” means that district as defined in section 76 of the ^{M1}London Government Act 1963;

[^{F5}“national or international functions” means functions relating to—

(a) the protection of prominent persons or their residences,

(b) national security,

(c) counter-terrorism, or

(d) the provision of services for any other national or international purpose;

[^{F6}“the National Police Chiefs' Council” means the body called the National Police Chiefs' Council which was established in accordance with a collaboration agreement under section 22A above entered into on 1 April 2015;]

“police and crime commissioner” means a body established under section 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011;]

“police area” means a police area provided for by section 1;

^{F7} ...

“police force” means a force maintained by a [^{F8}local policing body];

“police fund” means—

(a) [^{F9}in relation to a police area for which there is an elected local policing body, the fund kept by that body under section 21 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011;]

(b) ^{F10}

(c) in relation to the City of London police force, the fund out of which the expenses of that force are paid.

(2) In this Act “police purposes”, in relation to a police area, includes the purposes of—

(a) special constables appointed for that area,

(b) police cadets undergoing training with a view to becoming members of the police force maintained for that area, and

(c) civilians employed for the purposes of that force or of any such special constables or cadets.

[^{F11}(3) References in this Act to the staff of a police and crime commissioner, or to the staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, have the same meaning as in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.]

Extent Information

E1 S. 101 extends E.W. except s. 101(2) which extends G.B.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 101(1) omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), [Sch. 14 para. 1\(2\)](#); S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, [Sch. para. 41](#)

F2 Definition in s. 101 ceases to have effect (1.7.2004) by virtue of [Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 \(c. 20\)](#), [Sch. 5 para. 4](#); S.I. 2004/1572, art. 3(jjj)

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- F3** S. 101(1): definition of “British Transport Police Force” inserted (14.12.2001) by 2001 c. 24, ss. 101, 127(2)(f), **Sch. 7 para. 27**
- F4** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (16.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. **96(2)(a)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 10(1)(2)); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(a)
- F5** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (16.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. **96(2)(b)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 10(1)(2)); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(a)
- F6** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 14 para. 1(3)**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 41
- F7** Words in s. 101(1) omitted (16.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. **96(2)(c)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 10(1)(2)); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(a)
- F8** Words in s. 101(1) substituted (16.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. **96(2)(d)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 10(1)(2)); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(a)
- F9** Words in s. 101(1) substituted (16.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. **96(2)(e)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 10(1)(2)); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(a)
- F10** Words in s. 101(1) repealed (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, ss. 312(3)(b), 423, **Sch. 34 Pt. VII** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F11** S. 101(3) inserted (16.1.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. **96(3)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 10(1)(2)); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 101 amended (1.7.2004) by Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (c. 20), **Sch. 5 para. 4**; S.I. 2004/1572, **art. 3(jjj)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1963 c. 33.

102 Orders, rules and regulations.

Any power of the Secretary of State to make orders, rules or regulations under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

103 Consequential amendments, transitional provisions, repeals, etc.

- (1) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 7 shall be amended as provided in that Schedule.
- (2) Schedule 8 (which contains transitional and transitory provisions, savings etc.) shall have effect.
- (3) The enactments mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 9 are repealed, and the instruments mentioned in Part III of that Schedule are revoked, to the extent specified in the third column of the Schedule.

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Extent Information

- E2** [S. 103](#) extends E.W. and insofar as it relates to Sch. 8 paras. 1-5, 7 and 11(1),(2) and(4) also to S. and insofar as it relates to Sch. 8 paras. 1-4 also to N.I.

104 Commencement.

- (1) Except as provided by subsection (2), this Act shall come into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act—
 - section 50(3),
 - Part IV (including Schedules 5 and 6) other than section 88,
 - paragraphs 43, 45 and 46 of Schedule 7,
 - paragraph 12 of Schedule 8, and
 - Part II of Schedule 9,
 shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint.
- (3) An order under this section may appoint different days for different purposes or different areas.
- (4) The power to make orders under this section includes power to make such transitional provisions and savings as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient.
- (5) Where an order under this section contains provisions made by virtue of subsection (4), the statutory instrument containing that order shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** [S. 104](#) power partly exercised (3.3.1999): 1.4.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1999/533](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))

105 Extent.

- (1) Except as provided by subsections (2) to (5), this Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act extend to Scotland (and in the case of section 99(1) to Scotland only)—
 - section 21;
 - [^{F12}section 25(1A);]
 - Part III;
 - ^{F13}...
 - sections 98, 99(1), 101(2), 102 and 104 to 106 and paragraphs 1 to 5, 7 and 11(1), (2) and (4) of Schedule 8 (and section 103 so far as it relates to those paragraphs).
- (3) The following provisions of this Act extend to Northern Ireland (and in the case of section 99(2) to Northern Ireland only)—
 - [^{F14}Part 3A];

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sections 98, 99(2), 102 and 104 to 106 and paragraphs 1 to 4 of Schedule 8 (and section 103 so far as it relates to those paragraphs).

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the amendments in Schedule 7 and the repeals and revocations in Schedule 9 have the same extent as the enactments to which they refer and section 103 extends accordingly.

(5) Paragraphs 2 to 6 of Schedule 7 extend to England, Wales and Scotland only.

Textual Amendments

- F12** Words in s. 105(2) inserted (14.12.2001) by [2001 c. 24, ss. 101, 127\(2\)\(f\)](#), [Sch. 7 para. 28](#)
- F13** Words in s. 105(2) repealed (1.4.2004) by [Police Reform Act 2002 \(c. 30\), s. 108\(2\)](#), [Sch. 8](#); [S.I. 2004/913, art. 2\(f\)\(iv\)](#)
- F14** Words in s. 105(3) substituted (1.9.2014) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\), s. 185\(1\)](#), [Sch. 11 para. 89](#) (with [ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93](#)); [S.I. 2014/2125, art. 2\(f\)\(iii\)](#)

106 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Police Act 1996.

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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. 53B-53D and cross-heading inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 2\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 2(1) omitted (16.1.2012) without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 13, s. 157(1), Sch. 16 para. 378; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1)
- s. 53B(3)(c) words substituted by [2017 c. 3 Sch. 14 para. 67\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 53B was never inserted as the amending provision (2009 c. 26, s. 2(1)) was omitted without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 13, s. 157(1), Sch. 16 para. 378; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1)
- s. 53B(6)(b) words substituted by [2017 c. 3 Sch. 14 para. 67\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 53B was never inserted as the amending provision (2009 c. 26, s. 2(1)) was omitted without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 13, s. 157(1), Sch. 16 para. 378; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1)
- Sch. 4A para. 2(2)(ia) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 24\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 4A para. 5(7)(8) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 24\(3\)](#)