



Crime (Sentences) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 43

PART II

EFFECT OF CUSTODIAL SENTENCES

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LIFE SENTENCES

Miscellaneous and supplemental

[^{F1}33A Life prisoners also serving fixed-term sentence

- (1) This section applies where a life prisoner is also serving one or more sentences by virtue of which the fixed-term provisions apply to the offender.
- (2) Nothing in this Chapter requires the Secretary of State to release the prisoner unless the Secretary of State is also required by the fixed-term provisions to release the prisoner.
- (3) Nothing in this Chapter requires the Secretary of State to refer the prisoner's case to the Parole Board unless the Secretary of State is also required by the fixed-term provisions to—
 - (a) refer the prisoner's case to the Board, or
 - (b) release the prisoner.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to a reference by the Secretary of State under section 31A(3).
- (5) The fact that the prisoner is serving a life sentence is to be ignored in determining, for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), what the fixed-term provisions require.
- (6) In this section “the fixed-term provisions” means Chapter 6 of Part 12 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 33A inserted (28.6.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 144\(1\)\(b\)](#), [208\(5\)\(p\)](#)

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

- s. 35(5)(c)s. 35(8)(a) by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 139\(b\)](#)
- s. 8(5) by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 143](#)