



Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

2001 CHAPTER 16

PART 1

PROVISIONS FOR COMBATTING CRIME AND DISORDER

CHAPTER 2

PROVISIONS FOR COMBATTING ALCOHOL-RELATED DISORDER

Closure of unlicensed premises

25 Enforcement of closure orders

- (1) Where a closure order has been made, a constable or an authorised person may (if necessary using reasonable force)—
 - (a) at any reasonable time enter the premises concerned; and
 - (b) having so entered the premises, do anything reasonably necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with the order.
- (2) A constable or an authorised person seeking to enter any premises in exercise of his powers under subsection (1) shall, if required by or on behalf of the owner or occupier or person in charge of the premises, produce evidence of his identity, and of his authority, before entering the premises.
- (3) Any person who intentionally obstructs a constable or an authorised person in the exercise of his powers under this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction—
 - (a) where the offence was committed in respect of a constable, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both;
 - (b) where the offence was committed in respect of an authorised person, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

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- (4) A person who, without reasonable excuse, permits premises to be open in contravention of a closure order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to [^{F1}a fine] or to both.
- (5) A person who, without reasonable excuse, otherwise fails to comply with, or does an act in contravention of, a closure order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.
- (6) In this section “an authorised person” means a person authorised for the purposes of this section by a local authority in respect of premises situated in the area of the authority.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 25(4) substituted (12.3.2015) by [The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(Fines on Summary Conviction\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/664\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 4 para. 31** (with reg. 5(1))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 25(3)(a) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 56\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 25(4) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 56\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 25(5) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 56\(2\)\(b\)](#)