



Licensing Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 17

PART 8

CLOSURE OF PREMISES

Closure of premises in an identified area

160 Orders to close premises in area experiencing disorder

- (1) Where there is or is expected to be disorder in any [^{F1}local justice area], a magistrates' court [^{F2}acting in the area] may make an order requiring all premises—
 - (a) which are situated at or near the place of the disorder or expected disorder, and
 - (b) in respect of which a premises licence or a temporary event notice has effect, to be closed for a period, not exceeding 24 hours, specified in the order.
- (2) A magistrates' court may make an order under this section only on the application of a police officer who is of the rank of superintendent or above.
- (3) A magistrates' court may not make such an order unless it is satisfied that it is necessary to prevent disorder.
- (4) Where an order is made under this section, a person to whom subsection (5) applies commits an offence if he knowingly keeps any premises to which the order relates open, or allows any such premises to be kept open, during the period of the order.
- (5) This subsection applies—
 - (a) to any manager of the premises,
 - (b) in the case of licensed premises, to—
 - (i) the holder of a premises licence in respect of the premises, and
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) under such a licence, and
 - (c) in the case of premises in respect of which a temporary event notice has effect, to the premises user in relation to that notice.

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- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (4) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (7) A constable may use such force as may be necessary for the purpose of closing premises ordered to be closed under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 160(1) substituted (1.4.2005) by [The Courts Act 2003 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/886\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 90**
- F2** Words in s. 160(1) substituted (1.4.2005) by [The Courts Act 2003 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/886\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 90**

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