# **HEALTH ACT 2006**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS AND WELSH HEALTH AUTHORITIES

#### Part 7

#### **Final Provisions**

Section 78: Penalties for offences: transitional modification for England and Wales

323. Certain offences under this Act may be punished, on summary conviction, by terms of imprisonment, up to given maximum periods. These are the maximum periods permitted under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 2003. Section 78 provides that where the offence concerned was committed prior to the commencement of those provisions in the Criminal Justice Act 2003, the maximum possible period of imprisonment on summary conviction shall be the (shorter) maximum period that was previously possible.