



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 32

PART 3

PUBLIC ORDER

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- (1) Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 (penalty for wilful obstruction) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
 - (a) after “liable to” insert “imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks or”;
 - (b) for “not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale” substitute “or both”.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (alteration of penalties for certain summary offences: England and Wales), the reference in subsection (1) to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to 6 months.
 - (1B) For the purposes of this section it does not matter whether free passage along the highway in question has already been temporarily restricted or temporarily prohibited (whether by a constable, a traffic authority or otherwise).
 - (1C) In subsection (1B), “traffic authority” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (see section 121A of that Act).”