



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 32

PART 2

PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIME

CHAPTER 4

OTHER PROVISIONS

Offences relating to hares etc

62 Increase in penalty for offences related to game etc

- (1) Section 1 of the Night Poaching Act 1828 (taking or destroying game or rabbits by night or entering land for that purpose) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) The existing text becomes subsection (1).
- (3) In that subsection—
 - (a) after “conviction” insert “to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks,” and
 - (b) for “not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale” substitute “or to both”.
- (4) After that subsection insert—
 - “(2) 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.”

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, Section 62. (See end of Document for details)*

- (5) Section 30 of the Game Act 1831 (trespass in daytime in search of game etc) is amended in accordance with subsections (6) to (8).
- (6) The existing text becomes subsection (1).
- (7) In that subsection—
 - (a) for the words from “conviction”, in the first place it occurs, to “seem meet”, in the second place it occurs, substitute “summary conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both”, and
 - (b) for “each of the two offences” substitute “the offence”.
- (8) After that subsection insert—
 - “(2) 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.”
- (9) In section 4A of the Game Laws (Amendment) Act 1960 (forfeiture of vehicles), in subsection (1), omit “as one of five or more persons liable under that section”.
- (10) The amendments made by this section have effect only in relation to offences committed on or after the day on which this section comes into force.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 62 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 208\(1\)](#)
- I2** [S. 62](#) in force at 1.8.2022 by [S.I. 2022/520](#), [reg. 7](#)

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