



Prison Act 1952

1952 CHAPTER 52 15 and 16 Geo 6 and 1 Eliz 2

Provision, maintenance and closing of prisons

33 Power to provide prisons, etc.

(1) The Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury alter, enlarge or rebuild any prison and build new prisons.

[^{F1}(2) The Secretary of State may provide new prisons by declaring to be a prison—
(a) any building or part of a building built for the purpose or vested in him or under his control; or
(b) any floating structure or part of such a structure constructed for the purpose or vested in him or under his control.]

(3) A declaration under this section may with respect to the building or part of a building declared to be a prison make the same provisions as an order under the next following section may make with respect to an existing prison.

(4) A declaration under this section may at any time be revoked by the Secretary of State.

(5) A declaration under this section shall not be sufficient to vest the legal estate of any building in the [^{F2}Secretary of State].

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 33(2) substituted (3.11.1994) by 1994 c. 33, ss. 100(1), 172(4)

F2 Words substituted by S.I. 1963/597, Sch. 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 33(2) modified (3.11.1994) by 1994 c. 33, ss. 100(2)(3), 172(4)

Changes to legislation:

Prison Act 1952, Section 33 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 08 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 47(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(2\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(10\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 47(1A)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 9 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 47(6) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(3\)](#)
- s. 47A inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(4\)](#)
- s. 47A modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 55(4A) repealed by [2006 c. 13 s. 46\(2\)\(a\)Sch. 3](#)