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**2012 No. 1956 (C. 77)**

**CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of  
Offenders Act 2012 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *24th July 2012*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 151(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2012.

**Provision coming into force on 1st September 2012**

2. Section 144 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (offence of squatting in a residential building) comes into force on 1st September 2012.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

24th July 2012

*Crispin Blunt*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Ministry of Justice

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is the first Commencement Order made under the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10).

Article 2 brings section 144 of that Act into force on 1st September 2012. Section 144 creates an offence of squatting in a residential building.