



# Sentencing Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 17

### THIRD GROUP OF PARTS Disposals

#### PART 10

##### CUSTODIAL SENTENCES

#### CHAPTER 3

##### ADULTS AGED UNDER 21

##### *Custody for life*

#### **275 Duty to impose custody for life for offence of murder**

- (1) Where a person aged under 21 is convicted of—
  - (a) murder, or
  - (b) any other offence the sentence for which is fixed by law as life imprisonment, the court must sentence the offender to custody for life.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where the offender is liable to be detained under section 259 (detention at Her Majesty's pleasure for offender under 18).