



Criminal Law Act 1977

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PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

57 Probation and conditional discharge: power to vary statutory minimum or maximum period

(1) In section 2 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (probation) there shall be added after subsection (8) the following subsections—

“(9) The Secretary of State may by order direct that subsection (1) above shall be amended by substituting, for the minimum or maximum period specified in that subsection as originally enacted or as previously amended under this subsection, such period as may be specified in the order.

(10) An order under subsection (9) above may make in paragraph 3(2)(a) of Schedule 1 to this Act any amendment which the Secretary of State thinks necessary in consequence of any substitution made by the order.”.

(2) In section 7 of the said Act of 1973 (absolute and conditional discharge) there shall be added after subsection (4) the following subsection—

“(5) The Secretary of State may by order direct that subsection (1) above shall be amended by substituting, for the maximum period specified in that subsection as originally enacted or as previously amended under this subsection, such period as may be specified in the order.”.

(3) In subsections (3) and (4) of section 54 of the said Act of 1973 (which require certain orders under that Act to be approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, and provide for their revocation), before the word "14 ", wherever it occurs, there shall be inserted the words " 2 or 7 or ".