



# Mental Health Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 20

### PART III

#### PATIENTS CONCERNED IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS OR UNDER SENTENCE

#### *Supplemental*

**[54A** <sup>F1</sup>**Reduction of period for making hospital orders.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order reduce the length of the periods mentioned in sections 37(4) and (5) and 38(4) above.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) above may make such consequential amendments of sections 40(1) and 44(3) above as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** [S. 54A](#) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.1992) by [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 27\(2\)](#) (with saving in [s. 28](#)); [S.I. 1992/333](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch.2](#).

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 04/04/2005.

**Changes to legislation:**

Mental Health Act 1983, Section 54A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 August 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.