



# Criminal Justice Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 33

### PART V

#### JURISDICTION, IMPRISONMENT, FINES, ETC.

##### *Exceptionally high maximum fines*

#### **59 Power to alter exceptionally high maximum fines.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order amend an enactment or subordinate instrument specifying a sum to which this subsection applies so as to substitute for that sum such other sum as appears to him—
  - (a) to be justified by a change in the value of money appearing to him to have taken place since the last occasion on which the sum in question was fixed; or
  - (b) to be appropriate to take account of an order altering the standard scale which has been made or is proposed to be made.
- (2) Subsection (1) above applies to any sum which—
  - (a) is specified as the maximum fine which may be imposed on conviction of a summary offence; and
  - (b) is higher than level 5 on the standard scale.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order amend an enactment or subordinate instrument specifying a sum to which this subsection applies so as to substitute for that sum such other sum as appears to him—
  - (a) to be justified by a change in the value of money appearing to him to have taken place since the last occasion on which the sum in question was fixed; or
  - (b) to be appropriate to take account of an order made or proposed to be made altering the statutory maximum.
- (4) Subsection (3) above applies to any sum which—
  - (a) is specified as the maximum fine which may be imposed on summary conviction of an offence triable either way; and

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- (b) is higher than the statutory maximum.
- (5) An order under this section—
- (a) shall be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament; and
  - (b) shall not affect the punishment for an offence committed before it comes into force.
- (6) In this section—
- “enactment” includes an enactment contained in an Act passed after this Act; and
  - “subordinate instrument” includes an instrument made after the passing of this Act.

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