



Police Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 50

An Act to make provision for the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the National Crime Squad; to make provision about entry on and interference with property and with wireless telegraphy in the course of the prevention or detection of serious crime; to make provision for the Police Information Technology Organisation; to provide for the issue of certificates about criminal records; to make provision about the administration and organisation of the police; to repeal certain enactments about rehabilitation of offenders; and for connected purposes. [21st March 1997]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: power to modify conferred (E.W.S.) (2.4.2001) by [2000 c. 39, s. 7\(2\)](#); S.I. 2001/766, [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#) (subject to the transitional provisions and savings in [art. 3](#))
Act amended (13.8.2001, to the extent as mentioned in art. 2 of the Commencement Order, 1.10.2007 in so far as not already in force) by [2000 c. 23, ss. 72\(4\)\(d\), 83\(2\)](#) (with s. 82(3)); S.I. 2001/2727, [art. 2](#); S.I. 2007/2196, [art. 2\(h\)](#)
- C2** Act power to apply (with modifications) conferred (temp.) (25.3.2020) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\), ss. 22\(4\), 87\(1\)](#) (with [ss. 22\(7\), 88-90](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** Act partly in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 135](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 19/06/2023.

Changes to legislation:

Police Act 1997, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 June 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.