

# Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

## **2015 CHAPTER 2**

#### PART 1

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## Release and recall of prisoners

## 13 Offence of remaining unlawfully at large after temporary release

- (1) Section 1 of the Prisoners (Return to Custody) Act 1995 (remaining at large after temporary release) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (3) substitute—
  - "(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
    - (a) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both), and
    - (b) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine (or both)."
- (3) At the end insert—
  - "(7) In relation to an offence committed before section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force, the reference in subsection (3)(b) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.
  - (8) In relation to an offence committed before section 85 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 comes into force, the reference in subsection (3)(b) to a fine is to be read as a reference to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum."
- (4) The amendment made by subsection (2) does not apply where the period of temporary release expired, or the order of recall was made, before this section comes into force.