



Sentencing Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 17

FOURTH GROUP OF PARTS Further powers relating to sentencing

PART 11

BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

[^{F1}CHAPTER 1A

SERIOUS VIOLENCE REDUCTION ORDERS

[^{F1}342G Offences relating to a serious violence reduction order

- (1) Where a serious violence reduction order is in effect, the offender commits an offence if the offender—
 - (a) fails without reasonable excuse to do anything the offender is required to do by the order,
 - (b) without reasonable excuse does anything the offender is prohibited from doing by the order,
 - (c) notifies to the police, in purported compliance with the order, any information which the offender knows to be false,
 - (d) tells a constable that they are not subject to a serious violence reduction order, or
 - (e) intentionally obstructs a constable in the exercise of any power conferred by section 342E.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F2}the general limit in a magistrates' court], or a fine, or both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or a fine, or both.
- (3) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of paragraph 24(2) of Schedule 22 (maximum sentence that may be imposed on summary conviction of

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offence triable either way) the reference in subsection (2)(a) to [F3 the general limit in a magistrates' court] is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

- (4) If a person is convicted of an offence under this section, an order for conditional discharge under section 80 is not available to the court by or before which the person is convicted.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 11 Ch. 1A inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 165\(1\)](#), [166](#), [208\(4\)\(u\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 342G(2)(a) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) table
- F3** Words in s. 342G(3) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [2\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) table

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