

**2001 No. 1853**

**CRIMINAL LAW, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Sex Offenders Act 1997 (Northern Ireland) Order 2001**

*Made - - - - - 10th May 2001*

*Laid before Parliament 11th May 2001*

*Coming into force - - 1st June 2001*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 10(3A) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997<sup>(a)</sup> hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 and shall come into force on 1st June 2001.

**Modification**

2. Section 5A of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 shall be modified to provide that as it applies in Northern Ireland, it shall have effect as follows:—

- (1) After the reference to “Youth Court” in Section 5A(1)(c) shall be added “or a County Court” and the reference to “detention and training order for a term of twelve months or more” in Section 5A(1)(c) shall be a reference to “a Juvenile Justice Centre Order of 6 months or more”.
- (2) The reference to “the Chief Officer of Police or the local Probation Board” in Section 5A(6)(b) shall be a reference to “the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or a Probation Officer”.
- (3) The reference to “the Mental Health Act 1983” shall be a reference to “the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986”<sup>(b)</sup>.

Northern Ireland Office  
10th May 2001

*Adam Ingram*  
Minister of State

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1997 c. 51 as amended by the Criminal Justice and Court Service Act 2000, 2000 c. 43.  
<sup>(b)</sup> 1986 No. 595 (N.I.4).

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order modifies section 5A of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 to provide for a court to have the power to make a restraining order when sentencing a sex offender.

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