

Violent Crime (Sentences) Bill

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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:—

1 Amendments to sections 139 and 139AZA of the Criminal Justice Act 1988

- (1) The Criminal Justice Act 1988 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 139 (offence of having article with blade or point in public place)—
 - (a) in subsection (6A)(c), omit “and had at least one relevant conviction (see section 139AZA)”; 5
 - (b) in subsection (6B)(a), omit “, to the previous offence”;
 - (c) in subsection (6C)(b), for “4” substitute “6”;
 - (d) omit subsection (6E).
- (3) In section 139AZA (offences under sections 139 and 139A: previous relevant convictions)— 10
 - (a) in the heading before the section, for “sections 139 and” substitute “section”.
 - (b) in subsection (1), for “sections 139 and” substitute “section”.

2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Violent Crime (Sentences) Act 2018. 15
- (2) This Act (other than this section) comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.

- (3) The power to make regulations under this section is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (4) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

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