

Hate Crime (Misogyny) Bill

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Make motivation by misogyny an aggravating factor in criminal sentencing; to require police forces to record hate crimes motivated by misogyny; and for connected purposes.

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 Aggravating factor in criminal sentencing

(1) Section 66 of the Sentencing Act 2020 (aggravating factors: hostility) is amended as follows—

(a) After subsection (1)(c) insert—

“(ca) hostility towards women,”.

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(b) After subsection (4)(a)(iii) insert—

“(iia) the victim being (or being presumed to be) a woman,”.

(c) After subsection (4)(b)(iii) insert—

“(iia) hostility towards women,”.

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2 Recording of hate crimes motivated by misogyny

(1) The Secretary of State must make regulations requiring the chief officer of police of any police force to record crimes motivated by misogyny.

(2) Regulations made under subsection 1—

(a) must require the chief officer of police to record the number of such crimes, and

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(b) may make provision about the recording of other information about such crimes.

(3) In this section a crime is “motivated by misogyny” if it is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards women.

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3 Commencement, extent and short title

- (1) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Hate Crime (Misogyny) Act 2022.

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