

Offensive Weapons Bill

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 3

LORD PADDICK
BARONESS HAMWEE

Page 4, line 36, leave out “imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks” and insert “a community sentence”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment, and the other to page 4, line 39, would replace the short-term custodial sentences in Clause 3 with community sentences.

Page 4, line 39, leave out “imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months” and insert “a community sentence”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment, and the other to page 4, line 36, would replace the short-term custodial sentences in Clause 3 with community sentences.

After Clause 25

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Insert the following new Clause—

“Kirpans

- (1) The Criminal Justice Act 1988 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 141A, insert the following new section—

“141B Kirpans

For the purposes of sections 139, 139A, 141 or 141A it shall be lawful for a person to possess a Kirpan for religious, ceremonial, sporting or historical reasons.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the Kirpan, a mandatory article of faith for a Sikh, possessed for religious, ceremonial, sporting or historical reasons is exempt from provisions relating to the possession of offensive weapons under the relevant sections of the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

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