

Police Reform Act 2002

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PART 4

POLICE POWERS ETC.

CHAPTER 2

PROVISIONS MODIFYING AND SUPPLEMENTING POLICE POWERS

Sex offenders

67 Sex offenders: England and Wales

- (1) Section 2 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (sex offender orders) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) (application for a sex offender order)—
 - (a) for "in his police area" there shall be substituted "who he believes is in, or is intending to come to, his police area";
 - (b) for "the public" there shall be substituted "the public in the United Kingdom, or any particular members of that public,".
- (3) In subsection (2) (which identifies the court to which an application must be made)—
 - (a) for "the magistrates' court" there shall be substituted "—
 - (a) any magistrates' court";
 - (b) at the end there shall be inserted "; or
 - (b) any magistrates' court whose commission area includes any part of the applicant's police area."
- (4) In subsection (4) (the prohibitions which may be imposed), for "the public" there shall be substituted "the public in the United Kingdom, or any particular members of that public,".

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- (5) In subsection (6) (variation or discharge of the order)—
 - (a) after "the applicant" there shall be inserted ", any other relevant chief officer of police";
 - (b) for "the court which made a sex offender order for it" there shall be substituted "the appropriate court for the sex offender order".
- (6) After that subsection there shall be inserted—
 - "(6A) In subsection (6) above—

"the appropriate court" means—

- (a) the court which made the sex offender order; or
- (b) any magistrates' court whose commission area includes any part of the police area of the applicant or of any other relevant chief officer of police;

"relevant chief officer of police" means a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, his police area."

- (7) In subsection (7) (discharge of orders), after "parties" there shall be inserted " and subject to subsection (7A) below ".
- (8) After that subsection there shall be inserted—
 - "(7A) Where any magistrates' court makes a sex offender order in relation to a person who is already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order is discharged by the making of the subsequent one."
- (9) In subsection (8) (offence for breach of order), for "shall be" there shall be substituted " is guilty of an offence and ".
- (10) Subsections (4) to (6) apply in relation to applications and orders under section 2 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37), whether made before or after the coming into force of this section.

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