

*These notes refer to the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Weapons etc.

Section 41: Increase of maximum sentence for possessing an imitation firearm

255. This section amends the Firearms Act 1968 to increase from 6 months to 12 months the maximum custodial sentence for the offence of carrying an imitation firearm in public without reasonable excuse.
256. *Subsection (1)* makes the offence triable either way and sets the maximum custodial sentence on indictment as 12 months. *Subsection (2)* clarifies that when section 282(3) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force in England and Wales the maximum custodial sentence on summary conviction will increase from 6 months to 12 months.