



Deregulation Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 20

Alcohol, sport and entertainment

77 **TV licensing: duty to review sanctions**

- (1) The Secretary of State must carry out a review of the sanctions that are appropriate in respect of contraventions of section 363 of the Communications Act 2003 (licence required for installation or use of television receiver).
- (2) A review under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) examine proposals for decriminalisation of offences under section 363 of the Communications Act 2003;
 - (b) begin before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed;
 - (c) be completed no later than 12 months after the day on which it begins; and
 - (d) be laid before both Houses of Parliament by the Secretary of State on completion and be presented to the BBC Trust.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which the review is completed, lay before both Houses of Parliament a report setting out the Secretary of State's response to the review which must include—
 - (a) a statement as to whether the Secretary of State proposes to exercise the power to make regulations under section 78(1)(a) or (b), and
 - (b) if the Secretary of State proposes to do so, an outline of the steps that the Secretary of State proposes to take in consequence and when those steps will be taken.