



Prison Act 1952

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Provision, maintenance and closing of prisons

37 Closing of prisons.

(1) ^{F1}... the Secretary of State may ^{F2}... close any prison.

^{F3}(2)

^{F3}(3)

(4) For the purposes of this and the next following section a prison shall not be deemed to be closed by reason only of its appropriation for use as a remand centre, detention centre or [^{F4}youth custody centre][^{F5}, secure training centre or secure college] .

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 37(1) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), ss. 84(2)(a)(i), 115(3)(j)

F2 Words in s. 37(1) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), ss. 84(2)(a)(ii), 115(3)(j)

F3 S. 37(2)(3) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), ss. 84(2)(b), 115(3)(j)

F4 Words substituted by Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), Sch. 14 para. 6

F5 Words in s. 37(4) substituted (20.3.2015) by Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 (c. 2), s. 95(1), Sch. 9 para. 2; S.I. 2015/778, art. 2(1)(c)

Changes to legislation:

Prison Act 1952, Section 37 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 07 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 37 by 2000 c. 43 Sch. 8
- s. 37(4) by 2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 9

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 47(1A) inserted by 2012 c. 10 s. 129(2)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by 2012 c. 10 s. 129(10)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by 2012 c. 10 s. 129(11)(a)
- s. 47(1A)(a) words inserted by 2015 c. 2 Sch. 9 para. 3(3)
- s. 47(6) inserted by 2012 c. 10 s. 129(3)
- s. 47A inserted by 2012 c. 10 s. 129(4)
- s. 47A modified (temp.) by 2012 c. 10 s. 129(11)(b)
- s. 55(4A) repealed by 2006 c. 13 s. 46(2)(a)Sch. 3