

*Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 330(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.*

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**2019 No.**

**CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Release of Prisoners (Alteration of  
Relevant Proportion of Sentence) Order 2019**

*Made* - - - - **\*\*\***  
*Coming into force* - - **\*\*\***

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 267, 330(3) and 330(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003(1), makes the following Order. In accordance with section 330(5) of that Act, a draft of the instrument was laid before Parliament, and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Release of Prisoners (Alteration of Relevant Proportion of Sentence) Order 2019 and shall come into force on 1st April 2020.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 2003 Act” means the Criminal Justice Act 2003,

“relevant violent or sexual offence” means an offence listed in Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 15 to the 2003 Act for which a sentence of life imprisonment may be imposed.

(2) In this Order, a reference to a term of imprisonment is to be read as including a reference to a sentence falling within section 237(1)(b) of the 2003 Act.

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(1) 2003 c.44. Section 267 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 was amended by the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 s 111(2), Sch 14, paras 5, 6(1), (3)(a), s 89(2), Sch 10, paras 12, 21(1), (3)(a), (3)(b), the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 s 7(1), Sch 3, paras 14, 18, the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, s 31, Sch 6, paras 1, 2(b) and SI 2019/\*\*\*.