



# Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 32

### PART 2

#### PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIME

### CHAPTER 4

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

#### *Offences motivated by hostility based on sex or gender*

#### **72 Response to Law Commission report on hate crime laws**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—
  - (a) prepare and publish a response to Recommendation 8 of the Law Commission report on hate crime (adding sex or gender as a protected characteristic for the purposes of aggravated offences and enhanced sentencing), and
  - (b) lay the response before Parliament.
- (2) In this section “the Law Commission report on hate crime” means the Law Commission report “Hate Crime Laws” that was published on 7 December 2021.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 72 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 208\(4\)\(m\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, Section 72.