

# Regulatory Authorities (Level of Charges) Bill

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Provide for controls on the powers of certain regulatory authorities to impose charges for their services; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## **1 Fees charged by regulatory authorities**

- (1) No regulatory authority carrying out functions in England on behalf of a Minister of the Crown may increase, over any given period of time, the fees charged in respect of any of its services by more than the rate of inflation, measured by the Consumer Prices Index, over that given period of time. 5
- (2) No regulatory authority shall introduce a charge in respect of a service currently provided free of charge in England unless a report has been laid before Parliament setting out the reasons for the introduction of the charge and that report has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (3) No Minister of the Crown may increase the level of any grant payable to a regulatory authority as a consequence of the provisions in this Act. 10
- (4) In this Act “regulatory authority” includes any authority or body which regulates the carrying on of any business or activity, or the practice of any profession.
- (5) The Secretary of State may make by regulations such consequential, saving, transitional or transitory provision as he or she considers appropriate, which shall be made by statutory instrument and shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament. 15

## **2 Short title, commencement and extent**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Regulatory Authorities (Level of Charges) Act 2011. 20
- (2) This Act comes into force after a period of 2 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

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