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Make provision to promote volunteering; to enable potential volunteers to obtain a fit and proper person certificate for their activities; and for connected purposes.

BE 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 Fit and proper person certificate

- (1) A fit and proper person certificate shall be a declaration signed by a volunteer giving full name, date of birth, address and National Insurance numbers, stating that the applicant has not been convicted of an offence, disregarding any convictions legally regarded as spent. 5
- (2) In the case of a volunteer aged under 18 years of age, a declaration under subsection (1) shall be endorsed by a parent or guardian.
- (3) Any requirement that the background of a person working or proposing to work as a volunteer shall be checked is satisfied if the volunteer has a fit and proper person certificate. 10

2 Amendment of the Police Act 1997

- (1) The Police Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 112(1), after “individual” insert “aged over 21”.
- (3) In section 113A, omit “(whether paid or unpaid)” and insert “(which is paid)”.

3 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Volunteering Act 2011.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only. 15

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