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Make provision for a presumption that religious institutions meet the public benefit test for charitable status.

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 Restoration of presumption of public benefit

- (1) After section 4(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (public benefit requirement: no presumption of public benefit) insert—
“(2A) Notwithstanding subsection (2) the purpose of the advancement of religion shall be presumed to be for the public benefit.” 5
- (2) In section 4(4) of that Act for “subsection (2)” substitute “subsections (2) and (2A)”.

2 Technical provision

- (1) This Act comes into force on Royal Assent.
- (2) This Act extends only to England and Wales. 10
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Charitable Status for Religious Institutions Act 2013.

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