

# **Merchant Shipping (Homosexual Conduct) Bill**

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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Repeal sections 146(4) and 147(3) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

**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 Homosexual acts in the merchant navy: repeals**

In the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, omit sections 146(4) and 147(3) (homosexual acts as grounds for dismissal from the crew of merchant ships).

**2 Commencement, extent and short title**

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- (1) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (2) The repeals made by section 1 have the same extent as the provisions to which they relate.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), this Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 10
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Homosexual Conduct) Act 2017.

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*Presented by John Glen.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,  
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