

# Coastal Path (Definition) Bill

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Make provision for the definition of a coastal path in England in respect of the coastal access duty under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009; 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 Coastal path definition: removal of river estuaries**

In the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, omit section 301 (river estuaries).

**2 Coastal access scheme**

- (1) Within the period of 8 months beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, Natural England must — 5
- (a) prepare a scheme pursuant to section 298 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, taking into account the effects of this Act, and
  - (b) submit the scheme to the Secretary of State.
- (2) Any scheme submitted under this section is to be treated as a scheme submitted pursuant to section 298(1)(b) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. 10

**3 Consequential amendments**

- (1) The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 is amended as follows —
- (a) in section 309, in the definition of “the sea”, omit the words “subject to section 301”, and 15
  - (b) in Schedule 20, omit paragraph 9(1)(c).
- (2) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1A to the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949 is amended as follows —
- (a) omit sub-paragraph (3)(f), and
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (6)(b), omit the words “and (where appropriate) section 301(4)”. 20

**4 Transitional, transitory or saving provision**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act.
- (2) Any statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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**5 Financial provisions**

*There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament –*

- (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, or by a government department, and*
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

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**6 Extent, commencement and short title**

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- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) Sections 4 to 6 of this Act come into force two months after the day on which the Act is passed.
- (3) Sections 1 to 3 of this Act come into force four months after the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Coastal Path (Definition) Act 2018.

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*Presented by Mr Christopher Chope,  
supported by Mr Peter Bone,  
Philip Davies,  
and Sir Edward Leigh.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,  
to be Printed, 5 September 2017.*

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