

Fetal Dopplers (Regulation) Bill

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Regulate the sale and use of fetal dopplers; 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 Review of sale and use of fetal dopplers

- (1) The Secretary of State must conduct a review of the sale and use of fetal dopplers.
- (2) The review must in particular consider—
 - (a) evidence on the impact of fetal doppler use on maternal health, including on the occurrence of stillbirths, and 5
 - (b) options for regulating the safe use of fetal dopplers, including a potential licensing scheme.
- (3) In conducting the review, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Royal College of Midwives, 10
 - (b) Kicks Count, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall lay a copy of the report of the review under this section before each House of Parliament within twelve months of the passing of this Act. 15

2 Power to make regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument regulate the sale and use of fetal dopplers.
- (2) Regulations under this section may in particular—
 - (a) establish a licensing scheme for the safe use of fetal dopplers, 20
 - (b) prohibit the sale and use of fetal dopplers except under licence, and
 - (c) restrict licences to prescribed groups of medical professionals.

- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 5
- (2) Section 1 and this section come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) Section 2 comes into force on the day on which the report of the review under section 1 is laid before each House of Parliament.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Fetal Dopplers (Regulation) Act 2018. 10

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