

# Protection of Pollinators Bill

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Make provision about the protection of pollinators; 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 Purpose**

The purpose of this Act is to support and grow the populations of bees and other pollinators by creating a national network of wildflower-rich habitats.

**2 B-lines map**

- (1) *The Secretary of State must within six months of the passing of this Act lay before Parliament a map of the B-Lines network in England.* 5
- (2) The B-Lines network shall be a continuous national network of B-Lines.
- (3) B-Lines shall be corridors of land of at least three kilometres wide containing habitats conducive to the conservation of pollinators.
- (4) The extent and nature of land included within B-Lines must, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be sufficient to establish an ecologically-coherent network of wildflower-rich habitats. 10
- (5) *In response to new scientific evidence the Secretary of State may lay a revised map before Parliament that would replace the prior map.*
- (6) Subsections (2) to (4) apply to a revised map. 15

**3 Duty on public authorities**

- (1) *A public authority in England must, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of its functions, improve the connectivity of wildflower-rich habitats within B-Lines.*
- (2) Actions taken to improve the connectivity of wildflower-rich habitats may include— 20

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- (a) increasing the area of such habitats, particularly pasture or meadow, within B-Lines;
- (b) restoring or creating such habitats within B-Lines, including to reduce the distance between them; and
- (c) undertaking or promoting the effective maintenance of such habitats within B-Lines. 5
- (3) *A public authority in England must collect, store and report prescribed information in connection with its duty in subsection (1).*
- (4) In this section-
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations; 10
- “public authority” has the same meaning as in section 30 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- 4 Regulations**
- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument prescribe the information to be collected, stored and reported in accordance with section 3(3). 15
- (2) A statutory instrument containing the regulations is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Commons.
- (3) Regulations under this Act may make different provision for different purposes (including different provision in respect of different public authorities). 20
- 5 Extent, commencement and short title**
- (1) This Act may be cited as the Protection of Pollinators Act 2018.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales. 25

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*Ordered to be brought in by Ben Bradley,  
supported by Sir Roger Gale,  
Sir Oliver Letwin, Dr Matthew Offord,  
Andrew Selous and Neil Parish.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,  
to be Printed, 8 May 2018.*

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