

Access to Welfare (Terminal Illness Definition) Bill

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Amend the definition of terminal illness in the Welfare Reform Act 2012; 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 Amendment of the Welfare Reform Act 2012

(1) The Welfare Reform Act 2012 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 82 (terminal illness) for subsection (4) substitute—

“(4) For the purposes of this section a person is “terminally ill” at any time if at that time it is the clinical judgement of a health care professional that the person has a progressive disease that can reasonably be expected to cause the person’s death. 5

(4A) In subsection (4) “health care professional” means—

(a) a registered medical practitioner, 10

(b) a registered nurse, or

(c) a member of such other profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 as may be prescribed.”

2 Financial provisions 15

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.* 20

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, and Scotland.
- (2) This Act (other than this section) comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Access to Welfare (Terminal Illness Definition) Act 2018.

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