

Hereditary Titles (Female Succession) Bill

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Make provision for the succession of female heirs to hereditary titles; 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 Succession to hereditary titles not to depend on gender

A person is not prevented from succeeding to a hereditary title because she is a woman.

2 Exception

- (1) Section 1 does not apply to hereditary titles to which a son living on the date this Act comes into force will succeed at the next succession. 5
- (2) Section 1 applies to all other successions to hereditary titles.
- (3) Nothing in this Act applies to successions to hereditary titles before the commencement of this Act.

3 Interpretation

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In this Act, “hereditary title” means—

- (a) any hereditary peerage in the peerage of England, Scotland, Great Britain, the United Kingdom or Ireland; and
- (b) any baronetcy or other hereditary title within England, Scotland, Great Britain, the United Kingdom or Ireland.

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4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Hereditary Titles (Female Succession) Act 2019.

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