

Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill

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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 Presence in the United Kingdom

- (1) Any person who is present in the United Kingdom after 1 April 2021 without legal authority shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) Any person who after 1 April 2021 enters or attempts to enter the United Kingdom without legal authority shall be guilty of an offence. 5

2 Penalties

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under section 1 is liable on summary conviction—
 - (a) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months;
 - (b) to a fine which in Scotland or Northern Ireland may not exceed £5,000; 10
or
 - (c) to both.
- (2) Any person who is convicted of an offence under section 1 shall be subject to a deportation order unless the Secretary of State deems such a deportation order to be against the public interest. 15
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) above, a deportation order shall be deemed to be in the public interest unless a certificate to the contrary has been submitted by the Secretary of State to the Court.

3 Extent, short title and commencement

- (1) This Act extends to England and 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 Illegal Immigration (Offences) Act 2020.

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*Presented by Sir Christopher Chope
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