

# Abortion (Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate and Clubfoot) Bill

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Amend the Abortion Act 1967 to exclude cleft lip, cleft palate and clubfoot as qualifying physical abnormalities for the purposes of medical termination of pregnancy under section 1(1)(d)

**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 Amendment of the Abortion Act 1967**

- (1) The Abortion Act 1967 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 1(1) insert –
  - “(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d), the following conditions are not qualifying physical abnormalities –
    - (a) cleft palate;
    - (b) cleft lip;
    - (c) cleft palate with cleft lip;
    - (d) clubfoot.”

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## **2 Extent, commencement and short title**

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- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Abortion (Cleft Lip, Cleft Palate and Clubfoot) Act 2020.

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