

Pig Husbandry (Farrowing) Bill

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Prohibit the use of farrowing crates in pig farming; 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 Prohibition of use of farrowing crates

- (1) A person who confines a sow in a qualifying farrowing crate in England commits an offence.
- (2) A person who causes or permits a sow to be confined in a qualifying farrowing crate in England commits an offence. 5
- (3) A farrowing crate that is installed on or after the day on which this Act comes into force is a qualifying farrowing crate.
- (4) A farrowing crate that was installed before the day on which this Act comes into force is a qualifying farrowing crate on and after 1 January 2027.

2 Penalties 10

A person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to—

- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, or
- (b) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. 15

3 Interpretation

In this Act—

“farrowing crate” means a device in which a sow is confined before, during and after farrowing and which does not enable the sow to turn around without difficulty at all times; 20

“sow” means a female pig.

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Pig Husbandry (Farrowing) Act 2021.

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