

# Conversion Therapy (Prohibition) Bill

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Prohibit sexual orientation and gender identity conversion therapy; and for connected purposes.

**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 Conversion therapy: prohibition**

- (1) It shall be an offence for any person to practise, or to offer to practise, conversion therapy.
- (2) In this Act, "conversion therapy" is any practice aimed at a person or group of people which demonstrates an assumption that any sexual orientation or gender identity is inherently preferable and which has the predetermined purpose of attempting to—
  - (a) change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, or
  - (b) suppress a person's expression of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

## **2 Commencement, extent and short title**

- (1) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Conversation Therapy (Prohibition) Act 2022.

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*Presented by Wera Hobhouse*

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