

# Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

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**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 Secure safe houses for child victims of human trafficking

- (1) The Modern Slavery Act 2015 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 48 (independent child trafficking advocates) insert—

### “48A Secure safe houses for child victims of human trafficking

- (1) *The Secretary of State has a duty ensure that a network of safe houses is established to provide secure accommodation for children who there are reasonable grounds to believe may be victims of human trafficking.* 5
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in connection with subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to local authorities under section 49 (guidance about identifying and supporting victims) on exercising their responsibilities in relation to this section. 10
- (4) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, lay before Parliament a report on the steps the Secretary of State has taken and intends to take under this section.” 15

## 2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Act 2022. 20

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*Presented by Mr Peter Bone*

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