

BBC Licence Fee (Abolition) Bill

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A Bill to abolish the BBC licence fee and make the BBC a subscription service; 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 Abolition of the licence fee

Part 4 of the Broadcasting Act 2013 (licensing of TV reception) is repealed.

2 Duty to renegotiate BBC Charter and Agreement in order to establish subscription service

The Secretary of State and the British Broadcasting Corporation must seek to renegotiate the BBC Charter and Agreement in order to establish the BBC as a subscription service. 5

3 Power to make consequential provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make provision consequential on the repeal in section 1. 10
- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) may (among other things) be exercised by modifying any provision made by or under an enactment.
- (3) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) may make transitional and saving provision;
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament. 15

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) Section 1 comes into force at the end of the period of one year beginning on the day on which this Act is passed. 20

- (3) Sections 2 and 3 and this section come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the BBC Licence Fee (Abolition) Act 2022.

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Presented by Mr Peter Bone

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