

# Human Trafficking (Sentencing) 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 Review of penalties for human trafficking offences

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish a review of penalties for human trafficking offences.
- (2) The review may make recommendations for changes in law or policy where such changes would—
  - (a) better protect victims of human trafficking offences,
  - (b) facilitate the prosecution and detention of organised criminals involved in human trafficking and, especially, those criminals senior in such organisations, or
  - (c) better reflect the severity of human trafficking offences. 10
- (3) The review must consider—
  - (a) the adequacy of existing maximum penalties;
  - (b) the adequacy of existing sentencing guidelines;
  - (c) the case of minimum sentences for certain offences;
  - (d) barriers to the use of life sentences; 15
  - (e) the interaction between prosecutions for human trafficking offences and those for other offences associated with organised crime;
  - (f) the efficacy of—
    - (i) slavery and trafficking reparation orders,
    - (ii) slavery and trafficking prevention orders, and 20
    - (iii) slavery and trafficking risk orders;
  - (g) the suitability of suspended sentences for human trafficking offences.
- (4) The review must consult—
  - (a) victims of human trafficking offences and their representatives;
  - (b) the Crown Prosecution Service. 25

- (5) In this section, “human trafficking offences” means offences relating to the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people through force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them for profit and includes offences under sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
- (6) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report of the review before the end of the period of six months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed. 5

## **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. 10
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Act 2022.



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