

# Public Houses (Electrical Safety) 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 Electrical safety tests for public houses

- (1) The Secretary of State must use the power to make orders under section 19A of the Licensing Act 2003 (power to impose mandatory conditions where premises licence authorises supply of alcohol) requiring a certificate confirming a public house has passed an electrical safety test within the appropriate period to be held in relation to that public house. 5
- (2) Requirements made under subsection (1) must make provision about—
  - (a) electrical safety tests, including the qualifications of persons authorised to conduct them, and
  - (b) the role of licensing authorities in administrating, auditing and enforcing the electrical safety test certificate system. 10
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision associated with subsection (1) or (2) about insurance.
- (4) In this section, the “appropriate period” is—
  - (a) one year, or 15
  - (b) if an exception in subsection (5) applies, a period of no more than five years as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- (5) The exceptions are that the public house—
  - (a) is a new building,
  - (b) is in a category as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State, or 20
  - (c) is in a category for which the Secretary of State grants the licensing authority discretion over the duration of the appropriate period and the licensing authority exercises that discretion.

**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) This Act may be cited as the Public Houses (Electrical Safety) Act 2022.

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