

Members of Parliament (Prohibition of Second Jobs) (Motion) Bill

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TO

Require the Leader of the House of Commons to move a Motion prohibiting Members of Parliament having paid second jobs; 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 Requirement to move a Motion in the House of Commons

(1) The Leader of the House of Commons must move a Motion in the House of Commons of the form in subsection (2) as soon as reasonably practicable after this Act comes into force.

(2) The form of the Motion is— 5

“That this House—

(1) agrees the following amendment to The Code of Conduct:

In Section V (Rules of Conduct), after Rule 11 insert the following new rule as Rule 11A:

“No Member shall undertake paid work other than in UK Parliamentary or Governmental roles, unless: 10

(a) that work is necessary to maintain existing professional qualifications;

(b) that work is frontline work in the NHS, social care or the emergency services; or 15

(c) the Member has been a Member for less than one month and is working in a job they held at the point when they were elected.”

(2) agrees the following amendments to the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members: 20

(a) in the Introduction, leave out paragraph 12;

(b) in Chapter 3 (lobbying for reward or consideration), leave out paragraph 5;

(c) in Chapter 4 (procedure for inquiries), in paragraph 19 insert the following new sub-paragraph: 25

“(f) as an additional penalty, where a Member has been found to have breached Rule 11A, a fine that is at least equivalent to the amount they received in breaching Rule 11A.”

(3) agrees that the Committee on Standards may make any other amendments to the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members it deems necessary in consequence of the amendment to the Code of Conduct made by paragraph (1) of this Order.” 5

(3) In this Act, “Leader of the House of Commons” has the same meaning as in section 12 of the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019. 10

2 Commencement and short title

(1) This Act comes into force on the day on which it passed.

(2) This Act may be cited as the Members of Parliament (Prohibition of Second Jobs) (Motion) Act 2021.

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Presented by Richard Burgon

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