

# Seals (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 Amendment of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

- (1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 9(4A) (intentional or reckless disturbance of a wild animal), after paragraph (a), insert—
  - “(aa) a seal (pinnipedia), or ”.
- (3) In Schedule 5 (animals which are protected), at the appropriate place insert—

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“Seals (all species)	Pinnipedia”.
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## 2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, and Scotland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Seals (Protection) Act 2022.

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