

# Hereditary Titles (Female Succession) Bill

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Make provision for the succession of female heirs to hereditary titles; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the King'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 Succession to hereditary titles not to depend on sex**

A person is not prevented from succeeding to a hereditary title because she is a woman.

## **2 Exception**

- (1) Section 1 does not apply to hereditary titles to which a son living on the date this Act comes into force will succeed at the next succession. 5
- (2) Section 1 applies to all other successions to hereditary titles.
- (3) Nothing in this Act applies to successions to hereditary titles before the commencement of this Act.

## **3 Effects of hereditary title succession under this Act** 10

A woman who is, under the provisions of this Act, the holder of a hereditary title shall—

- (a) have all right or interest to or in the title, and all rights, offices, privileges and precedence attaching thereto; and
- (b) have any right, interest or power (whether arising before or after succession in accordance with the provisions of this Act) in or over any estates or other property limited or settled to devolve with that title. 15

## **4 Interpretation**

In this Act, 20  
“hereditary title” means—

- (a) any hereditary peerage in the peerage of England, Scotland, Great Britain, the United Kingdom or Ireland; and
- (b) any baronetcy or other hereditary title within England, Scotland, Great Britain, the United Kingdom or Ireland.

**5 Extent, commencement and short title**

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- (1) This Act extends to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Hereditary Titles (Female Succession) Act 2023.

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*Presented by Mark Jenkinson*

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