

# **Covid-19 Vaccine Diagnosis and Treatment Bill**

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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place a duty on the Secretary of State to improve the diagnosis and treatment of persons who have suffered or continue to suffer ill effects from Covid-19 vaccines; 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 Diagnosis and treatment of persons who have suffered adverse effects from Covid-19 vaccinations**

- (1) *It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to improve the diagnosis and treatment of persons in England who have suffered, or continue to suffer, ill effects from Covid-19 vaccines.* 5
- (2) *In carrying out the duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must ensure that in respect of each adverse effect of a Covid-19 vaccination which is or has previously been reported to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency by, or on behalf of, an NHS patient in England, that patient shall be contacted either—* 10
  - (a) *directly, or*
  - (b) *through the patient's registered medical practitioner.*
- (3) The contact with the patient under subsection (2) must be made— 15
  - (a) before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the adverse effect was reported, or
  - (b) for reports made before the passage of this Act, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) The contact with the patient under subsection (2) must include— 20
  - (a) requests for information seeking full details of any—
    - (i) adverse effect on the patient, including whether the effect still persists, what diagnosis has been carried out and what treatment is being administered; and
    - (ii) impact on the patient's daily life, including whether the patient has been unable to work; and

- (b) an invitation to attend a medical appointment with an appropriate practitioner for specialist advice on the diagnosis and treatment options regarding the specific adverse effect(s) reported.

## **2 Clinics and research for diagnosis and treatment**

- (1) The Secretary of State must bring forward proposals for— 5
  - (a) establishing specific clinics in England for the diagnosis and treatment of adverse effects to Covid-19 vaccinations; and
  - (b) funding for research into the diagnosis and treatment of persons who have suffered adverse effects from a Covid-19 vaccination, to include— 10
    - (i) a review of the responses to the requests for information pursuant to Section 1(2)(a) of this Act, and
    - (ii) a review of evidence and literature from other countries in which the same or similar vaccines have been administered.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament the proposals under subsection (1) before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed. 15

## **3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Covid-19 Vaccine Diagnosis and Treatment Act 2022. 20

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*Presented by Sir Christopher Chope*

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