

# **Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill [HL]**

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[NOTE: The words marked in bold type were inserted by the Lords to avoid questions of privilege.]

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Department for Work and Pensions, are published separately as Bill 118—EN.

## EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Secretary Thérèse Coffey has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill [HL] are compatible with the Convention rights.

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TO

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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 Rules to apply where death expected within 12 months**

- (1) In section 66 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (rules for attendance allowance in cases where death can reasonably be expected

within 6 months), in subsection (2)(a) (meaning of “terminally ill” in relation to attendance allowance and disability living allowance), for “6” substitute “12”.

- (2) In section 82 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (rules for personal independence payment in cases where death can reasonably be expected within 6 months), in subsection (4) (meaning of “terminally ill”), for “6” substitute “12”. 5 10
- (3) In the Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/381), in regulation 2, in the definition of “terminally ill”, for the words from “expected” to the end substitute “expected within 12 months”. 15

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

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland. 20
- (2) Section 1 comes into force on such day or days as the Secretary of

State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.

- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may contain such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate. 5
- (4) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (5) This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Act 2022. 10
- (6) Nothing in this Act shall impose any charge on the people or on public funds, or vary the amount or incidence of or otherwise alter any such charge in any manner, or affect the assessment, levying, administration or application of any money raised by any such charge. 15**

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