

# Marine Activities (Licensing) Bill

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Transfer responsibility for marine licensing from the Marine Management Organisation to local authorities; 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 Transfer of responsibility for marine licensing to local authorities

- (1) *The Secretary of State must by regulations provide for the transfer to local authorities of the functions delegated to the Marine Management Organisation by the Marine Licensing (Delegation of Functions) Order 2011.*
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) specify the area for which the relevant functions are delegated to each local authority, and
  - (b) make provision for determining which local authority is the licensing authority in cases where the licensable marine activity takes place in more than one such area.
- (3) In this Act, “licensable marine activity” has the meaning given by section 66 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- (4) Regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

## 2 Consequential provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make provision consequential on the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) may (among other things) be exercised by modifying any provision made by or under an enactment.
- (3) Regulations under this section—
  - (a) may make transitional and saving provision;
  - (b) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Marine Activities (Licensing) Act 2023.

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*Presented by Giles Watling  
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