

# **Pre-Payment Meters (Temporary Prohibition) Bill**

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Prohibit the installation of new pre-payment meters for domestic energy customers before 31 March 2023; 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 Amendment of the Electricity Act 1989**

(1) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Electricity Act 1989 is amended as follows.

(2) After sub-paragraph (2), insert—

“(2A) The power of a supplier under sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b) may not be exercised before 31 March 2023.”

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## **2 Amendment of the Gas Act 1986**

(1) Paragraph 7 of Schedule 2B to the Gas Act 1986 is amended as follows.

(2) After sub-paragraph (5), insert—

“(6) The powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) above may not be exercised before 31 March 2023.”

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

(1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Pre-Payment Meters (Temporary Prohibition) Act 2023.

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