

Markets and Market Traders (Review of Support) Bill

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BE 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 Review of support for markets and market traders

- (1) The Secretary of State must undertake a review of—
 - (a) the support available to markets and market traders, and
 - (b) the options for improving that support.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must consider—
 - (a) the adequacy of the existing support available to markets and market traders from—
 - (i) the Government, and
 - (ii) local authorities;
 - (b) the options for improving the support available to markets and market traders, with a view to increasing—
 - (i) market and stall occupancy, and
 - (ii) profitability; and
 - (c) the merits of extending business rates relief to markets operated by local authorities and by charitable trusts.
- (3) In undertaking the review, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) market operators, including local authorities, charitable trusts and private operators,
 - (b) market traders, and
 - (c) organisations representing markets and market traders.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay a report of this review before Parliament before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and 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 Markets and Market Traders (Review of Support) Act 2023.

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