

Multi-storey Car Parks (Safety) Bill

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Increase the minimum required height of guarding in multi-storey car parks; to make provision about increasing the height of guarding in existing multi-storey car parks; to require 24 hour staffing of multi-storey car parks; and for connected purposes

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 Minimum height of guarding in new multi-storey car parks

- (1) Within three months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must use the power in section 6 of the Building Act 1984 to approve and issue a revised document K for the purposes of the Building Regulations 2010.
- (2) The document approved and issued under subsection (1) must provide that guarding on—
 - (a) the roof, and
 - (b) the edge of any part of a floorof a multi-storey car park must be at a height of at least 2700mm.

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2 Height of guarding in existing multi-storey car parks

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The Secretary of State must by regulations require guarding on—

- (a) the roof, and
 - (b) the edge of any part of a floor
- of any existing multi-storey car park to be at a height of at least 2700mm by a date which is no later than the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

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3 Staffing requirement for multi-storey car parks

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision about the on-site staffing of multi-storey car parks.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) require 24 hour on-site staffing of multi-storey car parks, and
 - (b) set minimum on-site staffing levels for multi-storey car parks.

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4 Regulations

- (1) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (2) Regulations under this Act may include provision— 5
 - (a) creating criminal offences punishable with a fine in respect of failures to comply with the regulations,
 - (b) about such offences, and
 - (c) for, about or connected with the imposition of civil sanctions.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a draft of regulations 10 under—
 - (a) section 2, and
 - (b) section 3within three months of the passing of this Act.

5 Extent, commencement and short title 15

- (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 Multi-storey Car Parks (Safety) Act 2023.

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