

# Space Industry (Indemnities) Bill

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**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 Licence terms relating to indemnification of government etc**

In the Space Industry Act 2018—

- (a) in section 12 (terms of licences), in subsection (2), for “may” substitute “must”;
- (b) in section 36 (obligation to indemnify government etc against claims), in subsection (3)(a), for “any” substitute “the”. 5

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

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The power under section 71(5) of the Space Industry Act 2018 may be exercised so as to extend to any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or any British overseas territory any amendment made by this Act (with or without modifications). 10
- (3) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Space Industry (Indemnities) Act 2024. 15

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*Presented by Mr Jonathan Lord*

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