

Military Action (Parliamentary Approval) Bill

[AS INTRODUCED]

CONTENTS

- 1 Parliamentary approval for the deployment of UK armed forces for armed conflict
- 2 Extent, commencement and short title

[AS INTRODUCED]

A

B I L L

TO

Require parliamentary approval for the deployment of UK armed forces for armed conflict; to provide for exemptions from that requirement in cases of emergency or in respect of compliance with treaty obligations; to make provision for retrospective parliamentary approval in certain circumstances; 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 Parliamentary approval for the deployment of UK armed forces for armed conflict

- (1) The Secretary of State may only authorise the deployment of armed forces on behalf of the Crown outside the United Kingdom where that deployment has been approved by a resolution of the House of Commons consisting of the words “that this House approves the deployment of armed forces of the Crown as proposed by His Majesty’s Government” (and of no other words), on a motion tabled by a Minister of the Crown. 5
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where—
 - (a) it appears to the Prime Minister that there is an emergency which requires the urgent deployment of armed forces, or 10
 - (b) the deployment of armed forces is required for the United Kingdom to comply with its obligations under a treaty.
- (3) No more than three sitting days after the deployment of armed forces under subsection (2), a Minister of the Crown must move a motion in the House of Commons consisting of the words “that this House approves the deployment of armed forces of the Crown as authorised by His Majesty’s Government” (and of no other words). 15
- (4) In this section, "sitting day" means a day on which the House of Commons is sitting (and a day is only a day on which the House of Commons is sitting if the House begins to sit on that day). 20

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Military Action (Parliamentary Approval) Act 2024.

Military Action (Parliamentary Approval) Bill

[AS INTRODUCED]

A

B I L L

TO

Require parliamentary approval for the deployment of UK armed forces for armed conflict; to provide for exemptions from that requirement in cases of emergency or in respect of compliance with treaty obligations; to make provision for retrospective parliamentary approval in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes.

Presented by Richard Foord

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be
Printed, 16th January 2024.

© Parliamentary copyright House of Commons 2024

*This publication may be reproduced under the terms of the Open Parliament Licence, which is published at
www.parliament.uk/site-information/copyright*

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS