

Vaccine Damage Payments Act (Review) 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: Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979

- (1) The Secretary of State must carry out a review of the merits of increasing the relevant statutory sum under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 (“the 1979 Act”) for all claims since 1 January 2020 by an amount representing the amount of inflation since 2007. 5
- (2) In making an assessment of the amount representing the amount of inflation since 2007 for the purposes of carrying out the review, the Secretary of State must have regard to the general index for consumer prices published by the Statistics Board.
- (3) In carrying out the review, the Secretary of State must consult— 10
 - (a) people who have made claims under the 1979 Act and their families;
 - (b) persons representing those who have made claims under the 1979 Act;
 - (c) UKCVFamily;
 - (d) patient safety groups; and
 - (e) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers relevant. 15
- (4) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must—
 - (a) publish a report of the review, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before Parliament.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, “relevant statutory sum” has the same meaning as in section 1 (payments to persons severely disabled by vaccination) 20 of the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979.

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 Vaccine Damage Payments Act (Review) Act 2024.

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