

Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill

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Prohibit the marriage of first cousins; 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 Prohibition of marriage of first cousins

- (1) The Marriage Act 1949 is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 1, in the appropriate place in sub-paragraph 1 (1) insert—
“first cousin”.
- (3) In Schedule 1, after paragraph 1(2) insert—
“(3) In the list “first cousin” means the child of a parent’s sibling.”

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2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act 2025.

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