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Amend the Equality Act 2010 to improve access to public buildings; and to introduce six and twelve inch rules for step free access.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’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 Amendment to the Equality Act 2010

- (1) The Equality Act 2010 is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (9) insert the following new subsection—
 - “(9A) Reasonable steps taken under subsection (4) shall require buildings to introduce a ramp, suitable for wheelchair access, in substitution for a single access step if the single access step is of less than six inches.” 5
- (3) After subsection (9) insert the following new subsection—
 - “(9B) Reasonable steps taken under subsection (4) shall require buildings to introduce a ramp, suitable for wheelchair access, in substitution for a single access step if the single access step is of less than twelve inches.” 10
- (4) After subsection (9) insert the following new subsection—
 - “(9C) Reasonable steps which require a building to introduce a ramp, as referred to in subsection (9A) and (9B), do not apply to buildings which have more than one step in order to gain access.”

2 Short title and commencement

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Equality (Amendment) Act 2013.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed, save for the provisions in subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) Section 1(1) and (4) come into force at the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed. 20

- (4) Section 1(3) comes into force at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

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