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Amend the definition of extreme pornography in the Digital Economy Act 2017.

**B**E 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 of the definition of extreme pornography**

- (1) The Digital Economy Act 2017 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 15 (meaning of “pornographic material”), in subsection (1), omit paragraphs (g) to (i).
- (3) In section 22 (meaning of “extreme pornographic material”), for subsections (1) to (4) substitute— 5
  - “(1) In this section “extreme pornographic material” means any of the following—
    - (a) the whole or part of a video work— 10
      - (i) if it is reasonable to assume from its nature that the video work was produced solely or principally for the purposes of sexual arousal, and
      - (ii) if the video works authority has determined the video work not to be suitable for a classification certificate to be issued in respect of it; 15
    - (b) material whose nature is such that it is reasonable to assume—
      - (i) that it was produced solely or principally for the purposes of sexual arousal, and
      - (ii) that the video works authority would determine that a video work including it was not suitable for a classification certificate to be issued in respect of it.” 20

**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 Digital Economy Act 2017 (Amendment) (Definition of Extreme Pornography) Act 2017.



# **Digital Economy Act 2017 (Amendment) (Definition of Extreme Pornography) Bill [HL]**

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