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Provide for consultation on the introduction of a Duty to Plan to require Category 1 responders to plan for terrorist threats and require those responsible for places to which the public have access to consider the vulnerability of those places to attack and take measures to mitigate any such vulnerability; and for connected purposes.

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 Consultation on the introduction of a Duty to Plan

- (1) The Secretary of State must carry out a consultation with persons referred to in section 2 on the matters referred to in section 3.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay a report of the consultation before each House of Parliament before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed. 5
- (3) The report referred to in subsection (2) must set out what plans the Secretary of State has to propose legislation on the matters referred to in section 3.

2 Consultation of the introduction of a Duty to Plan

- (1) The persons to be consulted under section 1(1) are— 10
 - (a) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of Category 1 responders, including but not limited to local authorities and emergency services;
 - (b) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of entertainment venues; 15
 - (c) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of sporting venues;
 - (d) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of businesses whose premises are open to the public;
 - (e) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of places of education; 20

- (f) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of places of worship;
 - (g) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of the victims of terrorist violence;
 - (h) organisations that in the view of the Secretary of State are representative of bodies that license or regulate any of the types of venue or place listed in this subsection; and 5
 - (i) any other persons the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (2) In this Act, “Category 1 responders” has the meaning given by Parts 1 to 2A of Schedule 1 to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. 10

3 Matters to be consulted on in respect of the introduction of a Duty to Plan

In carrying out the consultation under section 1(1), the Secretary of State must consult on the following—

- (a) the practicability and desirability of placing a duty on Category 1 responders to plan for the threat of terrorism; 15
- (b) the practicability and desirability of making it a requirement that persons responsible for places to which the public have access should take advice and training on how best to protect the public from terrorist violence;
- (c) the practicability and desirability of making it a requirement that persons responsible for places to which the public have access should conduct assessments of the vulnerability of those places to terrorist violence; 20
- (d) the practicability and desirability of making it a requirement that persons responsible for places to which the public have access should have a mitigation plan for any vulnerabilities identified by the assessments referred to in paragraph (c) and a counter-terrorism plan. 25

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the day in which this Act is passed. 30
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Duty to Plan for Terrorism (Consultation) Act 2019.

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