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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 Duty to provide information to terminally ill patients about entitlement to attendance allowance and disability living allowance

- (1) Any medical practitioner who diagnoses a terminal illness in a patient must notify the Secretary of State that the patient is terminally ill as soon as reasonably practicable after the patient— 5
- (a) has been informed of the diagnosis, and
 - (b) has consented to the notification.
- (2) A notification under subsection (1) must be made in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State by statutory instrument. 10
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) “terminally ill” has the same meaning as in section 66(2)(a) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (c. 4).
- (4) The Secretary of State must, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a notification under subsection (1), send the patient to whom the notification relates— 15
- (a) such information as the Secretary of State considers appropriate about the patient's entitlement to an attendance allowance and to disability living allowance, and
 - (b) the forms necessary to claim those allowances.

2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (Information) Act 2006.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act does not apply to Northern Ireland.

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,
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