

Energy Saving (Daylight) Bill

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Advance time by one hour throughout the year to create lighter evenings, for an experimental period; 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 Time for general purposes

Subject to section 3 of the Summer Time Act 1972 (c. 6) (interpretation of references), the time for general purposes shall be one hour in advance of Greenwich mean time.

2 Amendment of the Summer Time Act 1972

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In section 1(1) of the Summer Time Act 1972 (advance of time during period of summer time) for “one hour” substitute “two hours”.

3 Amendment of the Interpretation Act 1978

For section 9 of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) (references to time of day) substitute—

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“Whenever an expression of time occurs in an Act, the time referred to shall, unless it is otherwise specifically stated, be held to be the time established by the Energy Saving (Daylight) Act 2007, for so long as that Act is in force.”

4 Review panel

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(1) There shall be a committee known as the Daylight Saving Review Panel (“the Panel”) to monitor and report on the effects of this Act.

(2) The Panel shall consist of a Chairman and no more than seven other members appointed by the Secretary of State.

(3) The members of the Panel shall include—

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- (a) one person nominated by the Royal Society;
- (b) one person nominated by the Office of National Statistics;
- (c) the Government Chief Scientific Adviser, or a person nominated by him;
- (d) the Chief Medical Officer, or a person nominated by him; and 5
- (e) other appropriate persons nominated by the Secretary of State.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Panel to publish a report on the effects of the changes introduced under this Act not later than six months prior to the expiration of its provisions.
- (5) The report of the Panel shall include reference to any changes since the coming into force of this Act in – 10
- (a) the number of road traffic accidents;
- (b) levels of energy consumption;
- (c) levels of ill health; and
- (d) other areas that the Panel believes to have been affected by the provisions of this Act. 15
- (6) The report of the Panel shall cover any parts of the United Kingdom in which the provisions of this Act are in force.
- (7) The Panel shall cease to exist after it has published a report under subsection (4). 20
- (8) *The Secretary of State may make payments to the chairman of the Panel by way of remuneration and make payments to him and other members in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.*
- (9) *The Secretary of State may also defray any other expenses of the Panel.*
- 5 Amendment of the Government of Wales Act 2006 25**
- In Part 1 (subjects) of Schedule 7 (acts of the assembly) to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), at the appropriate place, insert the following entry –
- “Time*
- The subject-matter of the Energy Saving (Daylight) Act 2007.”*
- 6 Amendment of the Scotland Act 1998 30**
- In section L5 (time) of Schedule 5 (reserved matters) to the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46), insert as the first entry under the cross-heading *Exceptions* –
- “The subject-matter of the Energy Saving (Daylight) Act 2007.”*
- 7 Amendment of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 35**
- In Schedule 3 (reserved matters) to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47), at the appropriate place, insert the following entry –
- “The subject-matter of the Energy Saving (Daylight) Act 2007.”*

8 Expenses

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament –

- (a) *any sums to be paid by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under this Act; and*
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act.* 5

9 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Energy Saving (Daylight) Act 2007.
- (2) This Act shall come into force –
 - (a) in England at two o'clock in the morning of 26th October 2008; 10
 - (b) in Wales on such day (if any) as Welsh Ministers may by order appoint;
 - (c) in Northern Ireland, if the Northern Ireland Assembly is not suspended, on such day (if any) as may be prescribed by Northern Ireland subordinate legislation;
 - (d) in Scotland, on such day (if any) as Scottish Ministers may by order appoint; 15and shall expire at two o'clock in the morning of 25th October 2011.
- (3) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom, subject to the provisions of subsection (2).

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