

# Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) Bill

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**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 Meaning of public authority**

For the purposes of section 6(3)(b) of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42), a function of a public nature includes a function performed pursuant to a contract or other arrangement with a public authority which is under a duty to perform that function.

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**2 Short title, commencement and extent**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) Act 2007.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State shall by order appoint.
- (3) This Act has the same extent as the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

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