

Age-Related Macular Degeneration Bill

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Make provision for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration; 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 Duty to provide treatment for age-related macular degeneration

- (1) It shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to provide treatment for every patient suffering from age-related macular degeneration, to such extent as is necessary to meet all reasonable requirements.
- (2) *The treatment so provided shall be free of charge.* 5

2 Provision of services

The appropriate authority shall—

- (a) provide such services as the authority considers appropriate for the purpose of discharging the duty in section 1 of this Act; and
- (b) take any other reasonable steps that are intended to facilitate, or are conducive or incidental to, the discharge of that duty. 10

3 Interpretation

In this Act—

“appropriate authority” means—

- (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State, and 15
- (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;

“patient” means a person who is entitled to treatment under the National Health Service;

“treatment” means any part of a programme of treatment supervised by a qualified medical practitioner or optician. 20

4 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

5 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Age-Related Macular Degeneration Act 2007.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (3) This Act shall come into force on the day on which it is passed. 10

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