

Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing) Bill

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Provide for the reclassification of cannabis; to make provision for the roadside testing of illegal drugs; 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 Reclassification of cannabis

- (1) Schedule 2 (controlled drugs) to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (c. 38) (which specifies the drugs which are subject to control under that Act) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1(a) of Part I (class A drugs), there shall be inserted “Cannabinol, except where contained in cannabis or cannabis resin” and “Cannabinol derivatives”. 5
- (3) In paragraph 1(a) of Part II (class B drugs), there shall be inserted “Cannabis and cannabis resin”.
- (4) In paragraph 1(a) of Part III (class C drugs), “Cannabinol”, “Cannabinol derivatives” and “Cannabis and cannabis resin” shall be deleted. 10
- (5) In paragraph 1(d) of Part III (class C drugs), “or of cannabinol or a cannabinol derivative” shall be deleted.

2 Amendment of the Road Traffic Act 1988

- (1) The Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52) is amended as follows. 15
- (2) In section 6C (preliminary drug test), after subsection (1) insert—
“(1A) The Secretary of State must approve a device for administering a preliminary drug test, as referred to in subsection (1)(b), within twelve months of the passing of the Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing) Act 2007.” 20

3 Amendment of Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988

- (1) Part 1 (offences under the Traffic Acts) of Schedule 2 (prosecution and punishment of offences) of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (c. 53) is amended as follows.
- (2) In column 5 (disqualification) of the the row relating to RTA section 4(1), after “Obligatory” insert “, and in respect of drugs-related offences committed within three years after a previous conviction of an offence under RTA section 4, for a minimum period of twelve months for a first such offence and two years for any subsequent such offence”.

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4 Short title, commencement and extent

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing) Act 2007.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of a period of three months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

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