

Animals in Medical Research (Prohibition) Bill

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Prohibit the use of animals in medical research; to require the use of non-animal methods for conducting medical research; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King'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 Prohibition of use of animals in medical research

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations prohibit the use of animals in medical research from 1 January 2035.
- (2) Regulations made under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) prohibit the use of live animals or animal-derived biomaterials, and
 - (b) require the use of non-animal methodsin research into human diseases or in the testing of medicines or medical devices being developed for human use. 5
- (3) Regulations under this section may include provision—
 - (a) creating criminal offences in respect of failures to comply with the regulations,
 - (b) about such offences, and
 - (c) for, about or connected with the imposition of civil sanctions.10
- (4) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament. 15
- (6) Before laying before Parliament a draft of an instrument under this section, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Animals in Science Regulation Unit;
 - (b) the Animals in Science Committee;
 - (c) the Commission on Human Medicines;
 - (d) the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency;
 - (e) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.20

2 Requirement to issue guidance in connection with section 1

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance for persons—
 - (a) undertaking research into human diseases, or
 - (b) carrying out testing of medicines or medical devices being developed for human useon the regulations made under section 1 of this Act. 5
- (2) Guidance under this section must include—
 - (a) advice and information about non-animal research methods,
 - (b) information about any support available from the Government or other sources for the use and development of non-animal research methods. 10
- (3) The Secretary of State may revise guidance issued under this section.
- (4) The Secretary of State must arrange for guidance issued under this section to be published.

3 Extent, commencement and short title 15

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Animals in Medical Research (Prohibition) Act 2025.

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