

# Ministry for Poverty Prevention Bill [HL]

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Make provision for establishing a new government Ministry, the Ministry for Poverty Prevention; to make provision for the objectives and powers of that Ministry; to make provision that the Ministry can only be abolished or combined with another department by an Act of Parliament; to make provision for reporting requirements on the Ministry's work; to make provision for a power to create binding poverty reduction targets; and for connected purposes.

**B**E 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 Duty on the Prime Minister to establish the Ministry for Poverty Prevention**

- (1) The Prime Minister must establish a new department, the Ministry for Poverty Prevention, by an Order in Council within six months of the passing of this Act.
- (2) The Order under subsection (1) must set out the—
  - (a) objectives, and
  - (b) reporting requirementsof the Ministry for Poverty Prevention.

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## **2 Abolishing or merging the Ministry for Poverty Prevention**

The Ministry for Poverty Prevention may only be abolished or merged with another government department by an Act of Parliament.

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## **3 Poverty reduction targets**

- (1) The Secretary of State for the Ministry of Poverty Prevention must set poverty reduction targets for which the Government must meet.
- (2) The targets under subsection (1) must be set by regulations within one year of the passing of this Act, and every one year thereafter.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1), which must be made by statutory instrument, must include—
  - (a) a timeframe for meeting the target; and

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- (b) the metrics to be used to assess delivery of the target.
- (4) 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.

#### **4 Reporting requirements on poverty reduction targets**

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- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report setting out the Government's compliance with the poverty reduction targets established in regulations under section 3.
- (2) Reports under subsection (1) must be laid before Parliament within two years of the day on which this Act is passed, and every one year thereafter.

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#### **5 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Ministry for Poverty Prevention Act 2024.



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