

# **Pensions (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill**

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Department for Work and Pensions with the consent of Lord Popat, the Member in Charge of the Bill, have been ordered to be published as HL Bill 80—EN.



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TO

Change the period of life expectancy relevant to certain pension rules.

**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 Changes to periods of life expectancy**

- (1) In Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004, in paragraph 25B(3) (meaning of “terminally ill”), for “6 months” substitute “12 months”.
- (2) In Schedule 5 to the Pensions Act 2008, in paragraph 12(3) (meaning of “terminally ill”), for “6 months” substitute “12 months”. 5
- (3) In Schedule 6 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/255 (N.I. 1)), in paragraph 25B(3) (meaning of “terminally ill”), for “six months” substitute “12 months”.
- (4) In Schedule 4 to the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 13 (N.I.)), in paragraph 12(3) (meaning of “terminally ill”), for “six months” substitute “12 months”. 10
- (5) In the Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/1986)—
  - (a) in regulation 2(9) (meaning of “terminally ill”), for “six months” substitute “12 months”;
  - (b) in regulation 17(3D)(b)(i) (period of life expectancy in relation to progressive disease), for “six months” substitute “12 months”. 15

**2 Extent and commencement**

- (1) Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1 extend to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1 extend to Northern Ireland.
- (3) Section 1(5), this section and section 3 extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 20
- (4) Subsections (1), (2) and (5) of section 1 come into force at the end of the period of four months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

- (5) Subsections (3) and (4) of section 1 come into force at the end of the period of four months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (6) This section and section 3 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

**3 Short title**

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This Act may be cited as the Pensions (Special Rules for End of Life) Act 2024.



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