

Small Print Bill

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Make requirements regarding the minimum size of print in certain documents, including those relating to advertising and contracts; 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 Presentation of terms and conditions within contracts and advertisements

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the date on which this Act is passed, make regulations about the minimum size of text used in terms and conditions in advertisements and contracts relating to the provision of goods and services. 5
- (2) Different requirements may be set for different types and parts of advertisements, documents and contracts.
- (3) Before making regulations under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall consult any organisation he considers appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, vary the requirements set out in regulations made under subsection (1). 10
- (5) Regulations made under this section shall be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

2 Failure to comply with requirements 15

Any person who enters into a contractual relationship on the basis of the terms or conditions set out in an advertisement or contract to which this Act applies shall not be bound by that agreement unless those terms or conditions comply with the regulations made under section 1.

3 Interpretation 20

For the purposes of this Act—

“advertisement” means any letter or notice placed in a publication or displayed on a website offering goods or services, but does not include fixed notices displayed on billboards or by other similar means;

“contract” means an agreement between two parties for the provision of goods or services.

4 Short title

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Small Print Act 2008.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales.

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