

European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 5) Bill

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Make provision in connection with the period for negotiations for withdrawing from the European Union.

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 Duties in connection with Article 50 extension

- (1) On the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent, the Prime Minister must move a motion in the House of Commons in the form set out in subsection (2).
- (2) The form of the motion set out in this subsection is – 5
“That this House agrees for the purposes of section 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2019 to the Prime Minister seeking an extension of the period specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on [...]”
- (3) A motion in the form set out in subsection (2) must include a date in the position indicated by the brackets in that subsection. 10
- (4) If the motion in the form set out in subsection (2) for the purposes of subsection (1) is agreed to without amendment, the Prime Minister must seek an extension of the period specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on the date included in that motion. 15
- (5) If the motion in the form set out in subsection (2) for the purposes of subsection (1) is agreed to with an amendment to change the date in the motion as moved to another date, the Prime Minister must seek an extension of the period specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union for a period ending on the date included in the motion as agreed to. 20
- (6) Subsection (7) applies if the European Council proposes an extension of the period specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending other than on the date proposed in the resolution arising from the motion in the form set out in subsection (2) for the purposes of subsection (1).

- (7) If the condition in subsection (6) is met, on the day after the European Council makes the proposal referred to in subsection (6), the Prime Minister must move a motion in the House of Commons in the form set out in subsection (2).

2 Interpretation, commencement, extent and short title

- (1) Any term used in this Act which is also defined in section 20 of the 2018 Act has the same meaning in this Act as in that Act. 5
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2019.

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