



Life Peerages Act 1958

1958 CHAPTER 21

An Act to make provision for the creation of life peerages carrying the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords. [30th April 1958]

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 Power to create life peerages carrying right to sit in the House of Lords.

- (1) Without prejudice to Her Majesty's powers as to the appointment of Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, Her Majesty shall have power by letters patent to confer on any person a peerage for life having the incidents specified in subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) A peerage conferred under this section shall, during the life of the person on whom it is conferred, entitle him—
 - (a) to rank as a baron under such style as may be appointed by the letters patent; and
 - (b) subject to subsection (4) of this section, to receive writs of summons to attend the House of Lords and sit and vote therein accordingly, and shall expire on his death.
- (3) A life peerage may be conferred under this section on a woman.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall enable any person to receive a writ of summons to attend the House of Lords, or to sit and vote in that House, at any time when disqualified therefor by law.

2 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Life Peerages Act, 1958.