
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 41

**The Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill
(Prohibition on Submission for Royal Assent) Order 2023**

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (Prohibition on Submission for Royal Assent) Order 2023 and comes into force on 18th January 2023.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order, references to “the Bill” are references to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill as passed in its final stage⁽¹⁾ in the Scottish Parliament on 22nd December 2022.

Prohibition on submission for Royal Assent

2. The Presiding Officer is prohibited from submitting the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill for Royal Assent.

Relevant Provisions

3. Schedule 1 lists provisions of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill which make modifications of the law as it applies to reserved matters, and which the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe would have an adverse effect on the operation of the law as it applies to reserved matters.

Statement of Reasons

4. Schedule 2 states the reasons for making this Order.

Dover House
London
At 12.25 p.m. on 17th January 2023

Alister Jack
Secretary of State
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

(1) Section 36(1) of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46) sets out the stages of Bills. Section 36(1)(c) provides that there will be a final stage at which a Bill can be passed or rejected.