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DEFENCE

The Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2020

Made - - - - *3rd April 2020*

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 3rd day of April 2020

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, Her Majesty, on the advice of Her Privy Council and in exercise of the power conferred by section 382(2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006(**a**), makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2020.

2. The Armed Forces Act 2006 shall, instead of expiring at the end of 11th May 2020, expire at the end of 11th May 2021.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 382 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act") provides that the 2006 Act will expire at the end of one year beginning with the day on which the Armed Forces Act 2016 ("the 2016 Act") was passed, unless continued in force by Order in Council in accordance with that section. The 2016 Act was passed on 12th May 2016. The Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/569), the Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/519) and the Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/561) each provided for the continuation of the 2006 Act for a period of 12 months. This Order provides for the continuation of the 2006 Act for a further period of 12 months. It provides so that the 2006 Act expires at the end of 11th May 2021.

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(**a**) 2006 c. 52; section 382 was substituted by section 1 of the Armed Forces Act 2016 (c. 21).

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