



Human Rights Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 42

Parliamentary procedure

19 Statements of compatibility.

- (1) A Minister of the Crown in charge of a Bill in either House of Parliament must, before Second Reading of the Bill—
 - (a) make a statement to the effect that in his view the provisions of the Bill are compatible with the Convention rights (“a statement of compatibility”); or
 - (b) make a statement to the effect that although he is unable to make a statement of compatibility the government nevertheless wishes the House to proceed with the Bill.
- (2) The statement must be in writing and be published in such manner as the Minister making it considers appropriate.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Human Rights Act 1998. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Human Rights Act 1998:

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1059](#) Order transitional provisions for effects of commencing SI 2009/812