

*These notes refer to the Historic Environment (Wales) Act  
2016 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 21 March 2016*

# **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2: Ancient Monuments Etc**

##### ***Section 20 – Monuments in territorial waters***

124. **Section 20** amends section 53 of the 1979 Act (monuments in territorial waters) to clarify the circumstances in which a monument in territorial waters is to be treated as being in Wales for the purposes of the Act. New subsection (2B) states that a monument in territorial waters is not to be treated as being in Wales unless it is situated in Wales as defined in section 158 of the Government of Wales Act 2006. This definition of Wales includes the sea adjacent to Wales out as far as the seaward boundary of the territorial sea.