

*These notes refer to the House of Lords Act 1999 (c.34)  
which received Royal Assent on Thursday 11 November 1999*

# **HOUSE OF LORDS ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **BACKGROUND**

3. The House of Lords Act 1999 is the first part of the Government's step-by-step approach to full-scale reform of the House of Lords. A Royal Commission has been set up to consider further, comprehensive reform of the House and is due to report by 31 December 1999. For the transitional House, a new, more independent system for nominating peers will be introduced. The Government's detailed proposals are set out in a White Paper *Modernising Parliament Reforming the House of Lords*, published on 20 January 1999 (Cm 4183).