

A BILL TO

Restrict the use of portable technology by minors in order to grow and protect an authentic upbringing, virtuous disposition and good health amongst the youth of the realm.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Definitions**

- (1) Let restriction in this bill read as limitation on access or consumption (with or without supervision by one who has attained majority).
- (2) Let use in this bill read as the access or consumption of portable technology engineered for private ends.
- (3) Let portable technology in this bill read as movable technology which facilitates private ends.
- (4) Let minors in this bill read in accordance with the common law.
- (5) Let authentic upbringing in this bill read as that most conducive to the inevitable equity needed for children to learn the behaviours of innocence and responsibility in life.
- (6) Let virtuous disposition in this bill read as one which disposes the individual to master the activities of the soul comprised of virtues intellectual, spiritual, physical and political.
- (7) Let good health in this bill read as most conducive at least to the expected physical and mental composition of the youth at his respective age.
- (8) Let the realm in this bill read as England and Wales.

2. **Prohibitions on use of portable technology by minors in public spaces.**

- (1) Within public spaces, it will be a criminal offence for a minor to use portable technology.
- (2) Public spaces include pavements, public buildings and rural tracks.
- (3) For the benefit of the common good, portable technology may be used by minors under supervision from a schoolmaster or competent guardian so far as it is used for the technical education of such portable technology; which includes practical wisdom.
- (4) Where a danger presents the choice of life or death, portable technology may be used for the saving of the life in danger.
- (5) The punishment on conviction for the use of portable technology by a minor in a public space will be £200 per individual offence.

3. Prohibitions on use of portable technology by minors in private spaces.

- (1) Within a private space, it will be a criminal offence for a minor to use portable technology without supervision.
- (2) Within a private space, portable technology may only be used by a minor, at most, for an hour per day.
- (3) Where a danger presents the choice of life or death, portable technology may be used for the saving of the life in danger.
- (4) The punishment on conviction for the use of portable technology by a minor in a private space will be £100 per individual offence.

4. Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which its is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Portable Technology Act 2024.