

# **Hospital Parking Charges Bill**

[AS AMENDED AT FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE]

## LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

At Introduction the Member in charge of the Bill, Mr Fra McCann, had made the following statement under Standing Order 30:

*“In my view the Hospital Parking Charges Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly.”*



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Prohibit the imposition of charges for parking vehicles in hospital car parks.

**B**E IT ENACTED by being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly and assented to by Her Majesty as follows:

**Ban on charging for hospital parking**

**1.**—(1) No person may impose or recover a monetary charge with respect to the parking of a vehicle in a car park at a hospital by someone who is attending the hospital in a relevant capacity as follows—

- 5       (a) for the purpose of—
- (i) work or employment at the hospital, or
  - (ii) providing services at the hospital,
- (b) as a patient of the hospital, or
- (c) as a visitor to the hospital.
- 10       (2) For avoidance of doubt—
- (a) a person is not to be regarded as attending a hospital as a visitor merely because the person parks a vehicle in a car park at the hospital, but
  - (b) a person is to be regarded as attending a hospital as a visitor if the person parks a vehicle in a car park at the hospital in connection with providing transport to or from the hospital for someone else who is attending the hospital in a relevant capacity (whether as a visitor or otherwise).
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- (3) In this section—
- (a) the references to a hospital are to a hospital—
- (i) within the meaning given by Article 2 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, and
  - (ii) for which a Health and Social Care Trust has responsibility,
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- (b) the references to a car park at a hospital are to a car park or parking area which is part of the premises or facilities of the hospital and made

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available for use by people who have reason to attend the hospital in a relevant capacity,

- 5 (c) the references to parking in a car park are to parking in the car park in accordance with whatever reasonable conditions (including restrictions) apply in relation to the parking of vehicles in the car park.

### **Commencement**

2. This Act comes into operation at the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

### **Short title**

- 10 3. This Act may be cited as the Hospital Parking Charges Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

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A Bill to prohibit the imposition of charges for parking vehicles in hospital car parks.

Introduced by: Mr Fra McCann

On: 18 October 2021

As amended at Further  
Consideration Stage: 21 March 2022

Bill Type: Non-Executive Bill

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