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An Act to authorise things done before the day on which this Act is passed in the purported exercise of functions relating to the approval of registered medical practitioners and clinicians under the Mental Health Act 1983.

[31st October 2012]

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen'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 Authorisation of approvals given before this Act**

- (1) Any person who before the day on which this Act is passed has done anything in the purported exercise of an approval function is to be treated for all purposes as having had the power to do so.
- (2) “Approval function” means—
  - (a) the function of giving an approval for the purposes of section 12 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (practitioners approved to give medical recommendations), or
  - (b) the function of approving a person as an approved clinician for the purposes of that Act.

### **2 Commencement, extent and short title**

- (1) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Mental Health (Approval Functions) Act 2012.