



COVERSHEET

Minister	Hon Erica Stanford	Portfolio	Immigration
Title of Cabinet paper	Immigration Financial Sustainability and System Integrity Amendment Bill	Date to be published	10 April 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
3 April 2025	Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System integrity) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction LEG-22-MIN-0044 Minute	Cabinet Office
26 March 2025	Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	Office of the Minister of Immigration
26 March 2025	REQ-0009920 Immigration Amendment Bill: final Cabinet paper and Bill for lodgement	MBIE
24 February 2025	REQ-0009651 Immigration Amendment Bill - draft Cabinet paper and Bill for ministerial consultation	MBIE
12 February 2025	REQ-0008378 Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill - drafting decisions	MBIE
21 January 2025	REQ-0007504 Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill: Exposure draft feedback	MBIE
18 November 2024	REQ-0005172 Immigration amendment Bill: documents for release for targeted consultation	MBIE
13 November 2024	Immigration Amendment Legislation - Addition to Bill and Planning for Future Reviews ECO-24-MIN-0255 Minute	Cabinet Office
13 November 2024	Immigration Amendment Legislation - Addition to Bill and Planning for Future Reviews	Office of the Minister of Immigration
2 November 2024	REQ-0005823 Cabinet paper for lodgement: Immigration Amendment Legislation - addition to Bill and planning for future reviews	MBIE
24 October 2024	REQ-0005298 Draft Cabinet paper amending the definition of mass arrival	MBIE
8 October 2024	REQ-0004179 Immigration Amendment Bill – Mass Arrivals definition and transitional arrangements proposals	MBIE
20 September 2024	Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill: Policy Proposals ECO-24-MIN-0198 Minute	Cabinet Office
12 September 2024	Immigration Financial Sustainability and System Integrity Amendment Bill - policy proposals	Office of the Minister of Immigration
6 September 2024	2425-0891 Immigration Amendment Bill: Cabinet paper for lodgement	MBIE
22 August 2024	2425-0747 Immigration Amendment Bill: draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation	MBIE
13 August 2024	2024-0352 Immigration Amendment Bill: draft Cabinet paper for feedback	MBIE
17 July 2024	2024-0286 Immigration Amendment Bill: update for meeting on 17 July 2024	MBIE

2 July 2024	2324-3802 Fiscal Sustainability Amendment Bill - update and key decisions	MBIE
4 April 2024	2324-2168 Proposed Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability) Amendment Bill: scope and timeframes	MBIE

Information redacted	YES
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BRIEFING

Immigration Amendment Bill: draft Cabinet paper and Bill for ministerial consultation

Date:	24 February 2025	Priority:	Medium
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	0009651

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Erica Stanford Minister of Immigration	Agree to circulate the attached draft Cabinet paper to interested Ministers seeking Cabinet agreement to introduce the Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Sustainability) Amendment Bill	10 March 2025

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Stacey O'Dowd	Manager, Immigration (Border & Funding) Policy	Privacy of natural persons	✓
Christine Hyndman	Principal Advisor, Immigration (Border & Funding) Policy	Privacy of natural persons	

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
The following agencies have been consulted on the draft Cabinet paper and Bill: the Ministries of / for Education, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Health, Justice, Primary Industries (Biosecurity), Regulation, and Transport; the Departments of Corrections, Inland Revenue, Internal Affairs, and Prime Minister and Cabinet; the New Zealand Police, and the Treasury.

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comment



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Purpose

To provide you with drafts of both the Cabinet paper seeking agreement to introduce the Immigration (Fiscal Sustainability and System Integrity) Amendment Bill (the Bill), and the Bill itself,

- for your comment if you wish, and
- to forward to colleagues for Ministerial consultation.

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) recommends that you:

a. **Note** that:

- the draft paper for the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG) paper and the draft Bill are attached at **Annexes One and Two**, respectively, for your consideration, and ministerial consultation if you agree
- in addition to members of LEG, officials have identified up to five other Ministers, including the Minister of Finance, who may have an interest in the paper

Noted / Discuss

- b. **Note** that officials are seeking feedback by close of play on 10 March 2025, in order that the final version of the paper can be provided to you on 13 March 2025 (to account for your overseas travel from 16 March 2025)

Noted / Discuss

- c. **Note** that the current timing will see the Cabinet paper lodged on 27 March 2025, for consideration by LEG on 3 April 2025 and Cabinet on 7 April

Noted / Discuss

d. **Direct** officials to provide:

- on 25 March 2025, the proposed proactive release package (Cabinet papers, including the final LEG paper, and relevant briefing notes) for publication on the MBIE website, alongside the Regulatory Impact Statements that accompanied the 2024 policy papers, immediately following the Bill's introduction to the House, and
- on 27 March 2025, a House pack of materials (including a draft press release), to support you at the Bill's first reading, which is currently confirmed for 10 April 2025.

Agree / Disagree / Discuss

e. **Agree** to circulate the draft LEG paper and Bill to interested Ministers for their comment.

Agree / Disagree / Discuss



Stacey O'Dowd
**Manager, Immigration Policy
(Border and Funding)**
Labour, Science and Enterprise, MBIE

Hon Erica Stanford
Minister of Immigration

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Consultation copies of the LEG paper and draft Bill are attached

1. You recently considered and approved a briefing note [0008378] seeking your agreement to certain drafting changes to the Bill which have been incorporated into the draft Bill. We have completed agency consultation on the draft Bill and LEG paper.
2. The attached draft Bill and LEG paper is attached, for consultation with Ministers, if you agree, between the week beginning 24 February 2025 and 10 March 2025.

The Cabinet paper seeks approval to introduce the Bill and confirmation of one of your policy decisions

3. The LEG paper asks Cabinet to agree to the Bill being introduced on 7 April 2025. It also asks Cabinet to:
 - a. confirm your decision to remove “ports” from the list of entities that can be charged a levy (which was outside the scope of previous policy decisions) and
 - b. note five other drafting decisions that you have approved, that were within your delegated scope of decision making [0008378].

We have consulted with agencies and are continuing to work with PCO

4. We have consulted with the following agencies on the LEG paper and Bill:
 - the Departments of Corrections, Inland Revenue, Internal Affairs, and Prime Minister and Cabinet
 - the Ministries of / for Education, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Health, Justice, Primary Industries (Biosecurity), Regulation, and Transport
 - the New Zealand Police, and the Treasury.
5. Agencies that were consulted during the development of the policy papers, but which have not been consulted on the Bill or LEG paper, are the Ministries for Ethnic Communities, Pacific Peoples, and Housing and Urban Development, and the New Zealand Customs Service. We consulted with Tourism Policy colleagues during policy development (on the levy proposals).
6. The feedback received has been generally of a technical nature, and constructive, with no showstoppers. While we anticipate that we will continue to make small tweaks to the Bill, we consider that the draft attached is substantively complete, and very close to the version that will be proposed for introduction.

You may wish to circulate the paper more widely than to LEG Ministers alone

7. Table One sets out the Ministers on LEG and relevant portfolios. Table Two sets out Ministers who are not on LEG but whose agencies have been consulted, and who may have an interest in this work at the point that Cabinet considers the paper.
8. Where portfolios are bolded, agencies have been consulted on the draft Bill and LEG paper. Where they are not bolded, agencies were consulted during the development of the policy proposals only (as set out in paragraph 5).

Table One: LEG Committee members and relevant portfolios

Minister	Relevant portfolio
Rt Hon Christopher Luxon	DPMC (national security)
Rt Hon Winston Peters	Foreign Affairs
Hon David Seymour	Regulation
Hon Brooke van Velden	Internal Affairs
Hon Shane Jones	
Hon Paul Goldsmith	Justice
Hon Louise Upston	Tourism (<i>within MBIE</i>)
Hon Judith Collins KC	
Hon Dr Shane Reti	Pacific Peoples
Hon Tama Potaka	
Hon Nicole McKee	Courts
Hon Casey Costello	Customs
Hon Simon Watts	Revenue
Hon Chris Penk	
Hon James Meager	

Table Two: Other Ministers with an interest or potential interest

Minister	Relevant portfolio
Hon Nicola Willis	Finance, Economic Growth
Hon Chris Bishop	Infrastructure, Housing
Hon Simeon Brown	Health
Hon Mark Mitchell	Corrections
Hon Andrew Hoggard	Biosecurity (Outside Cabinet)

Next steps

9. The key milestones for the project are set out in Table Three below.

Table Three: Key milestones for the Bill

Date	Milestone
Monday 10 March 2025	Feedback provided to officials by office
Thursday 13 March 2025	Final / near final version of paper, Bill, and Department Disclosure Statement (DDS) provided to Minister
Tuesday 25 March 2025	Package of proactive release material provided to office
Wednesday 26 March 2025	Approval to lodge
Thursday 27 March 2025	Paper, Bill and DDS lodged with Cabinet Office
	House pack (including draft speech notes), and draft press release, provided to Minister

Date	Milestone
Tuesday 1 or Wednesday 2 April (TBC)	Meeting with officials: prep session prior to introduction
Thursday 3 April 2025	LEG considers paper and Bill
Monday 7 April 2025	Cabinet considers paper and Bill
Monday 7 or Tuesday 8 April 2025	Introduction
	Proactive release material published on MBIE website
Thursday 10 April 2025	First Reading and referral to Committee

Annexes

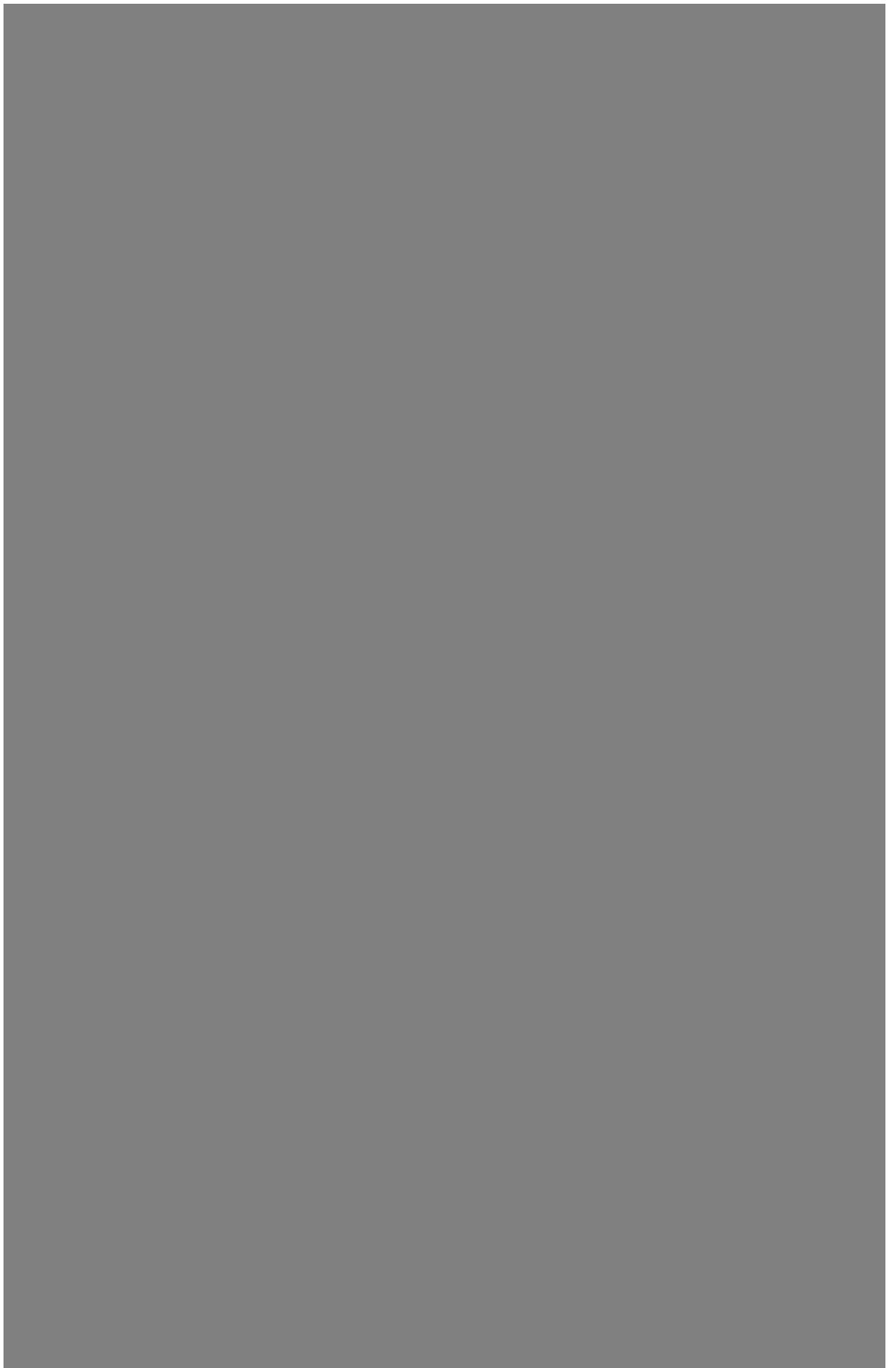
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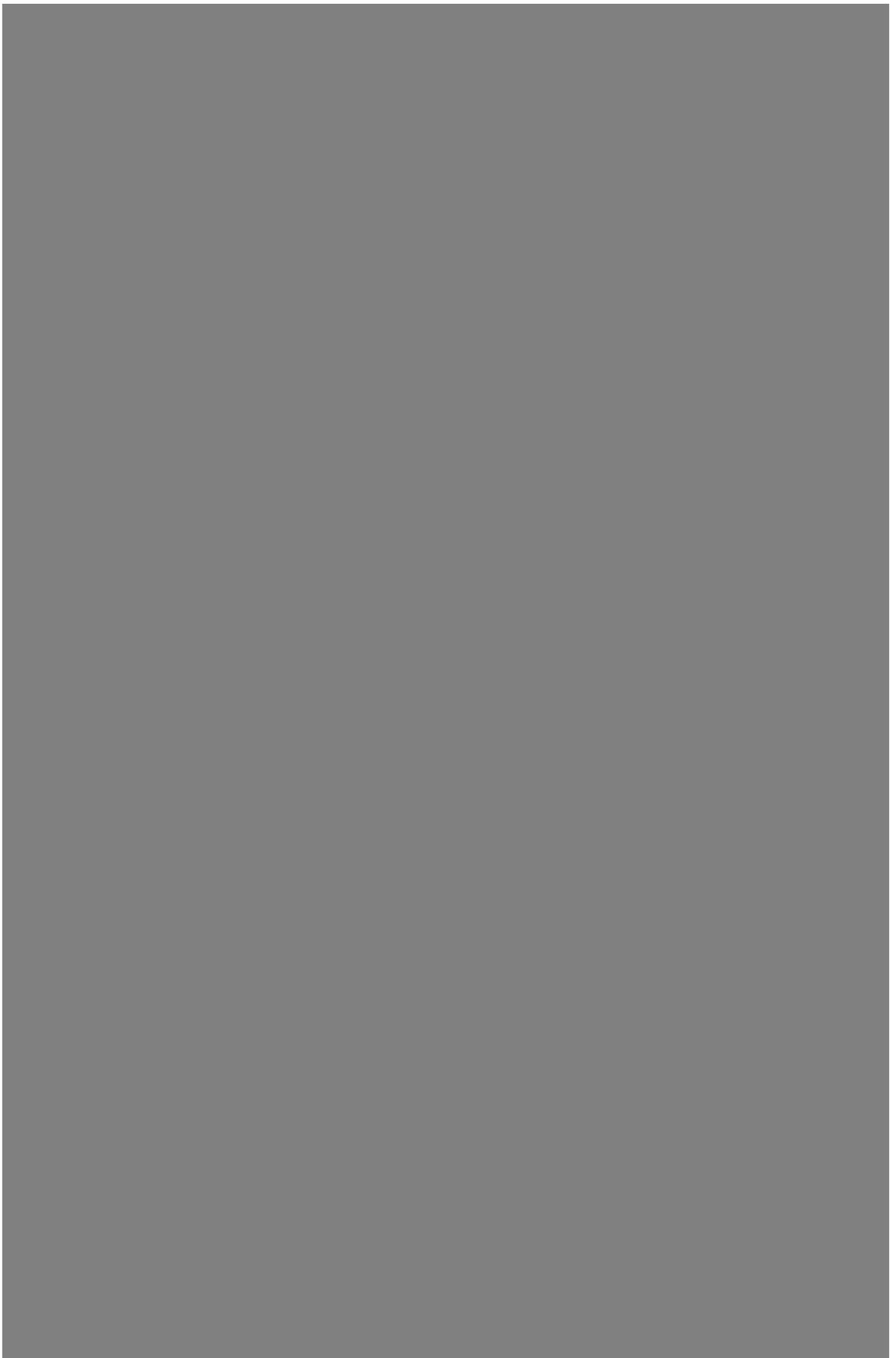
Annex Two: Draft Bill

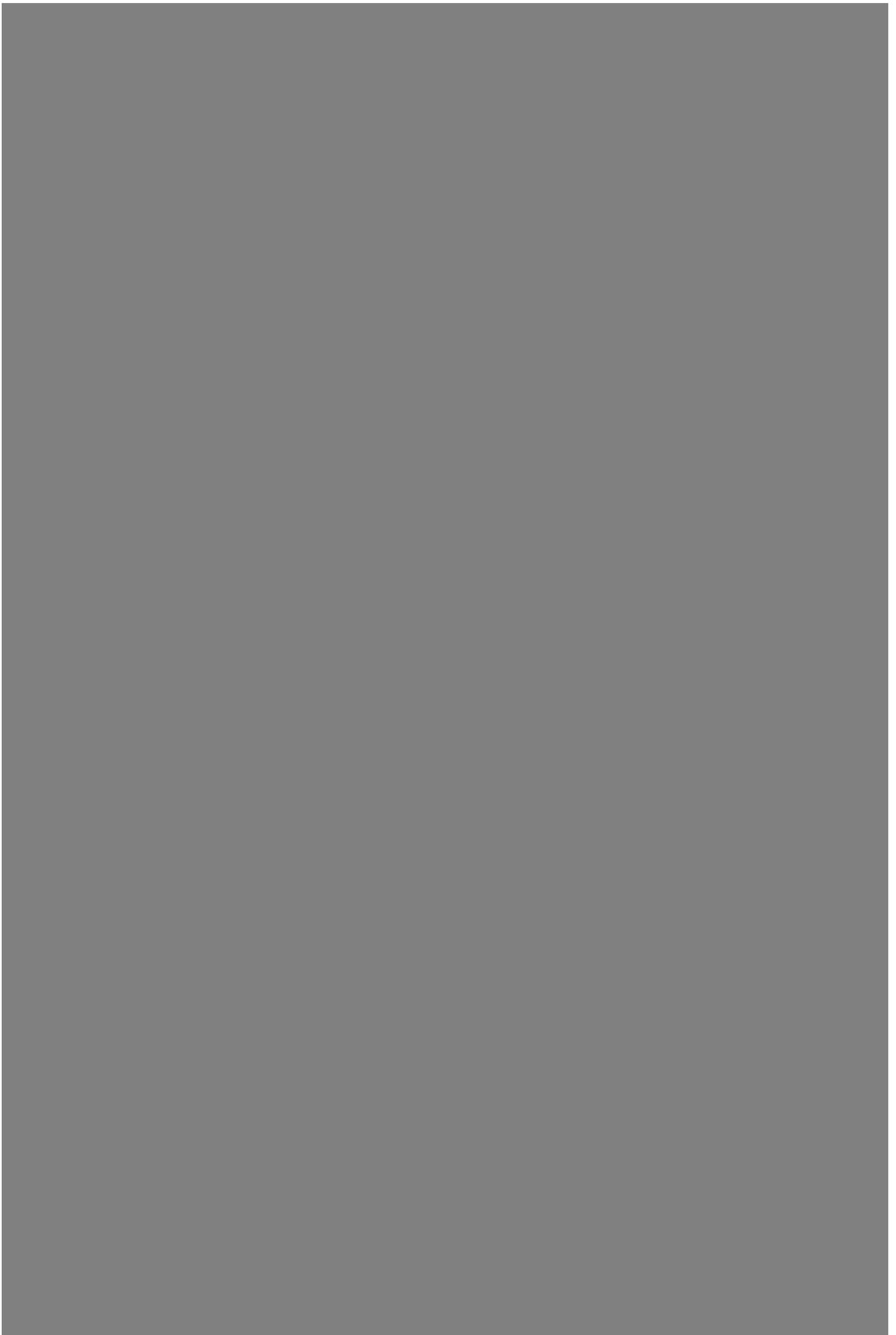
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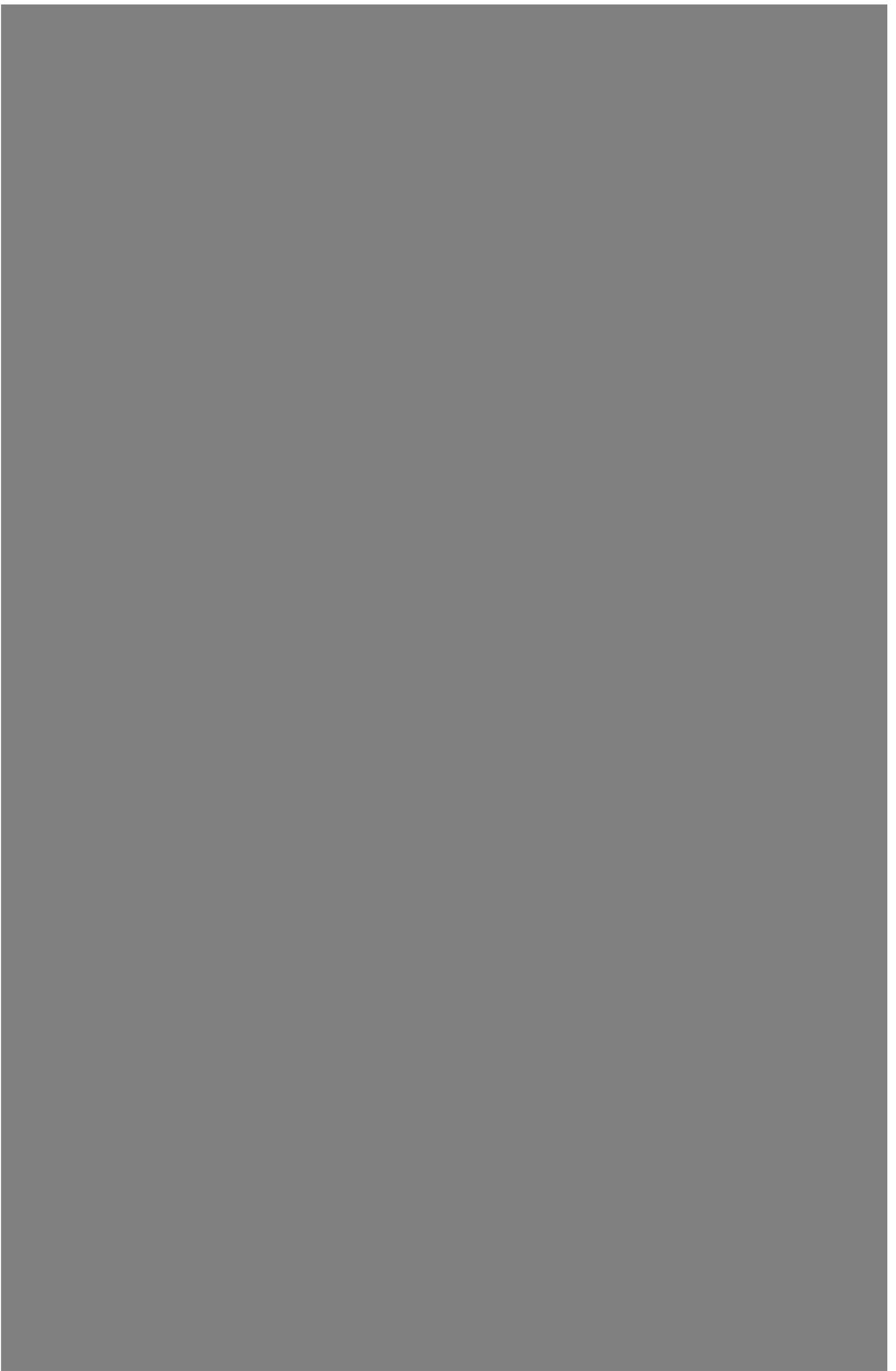
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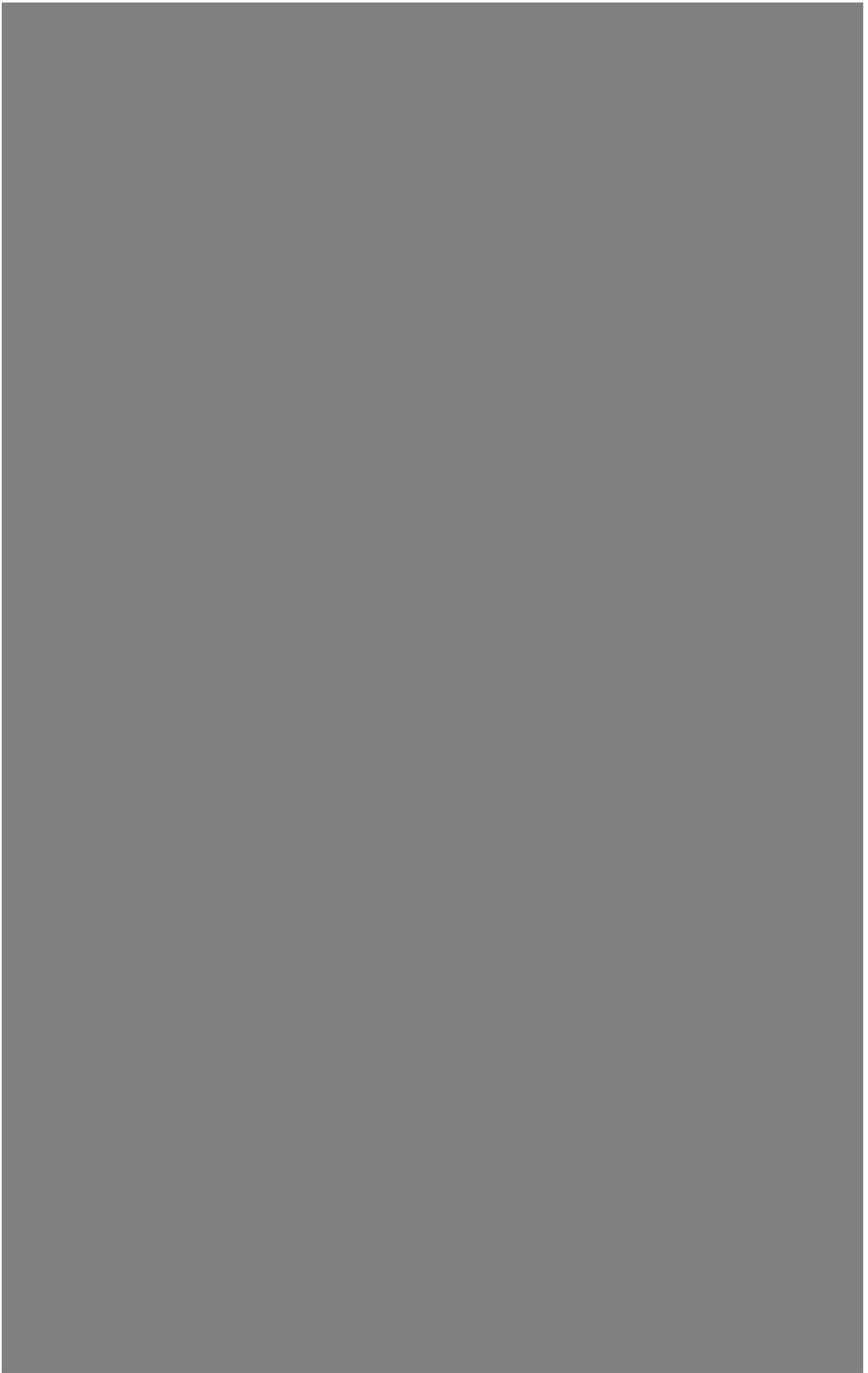


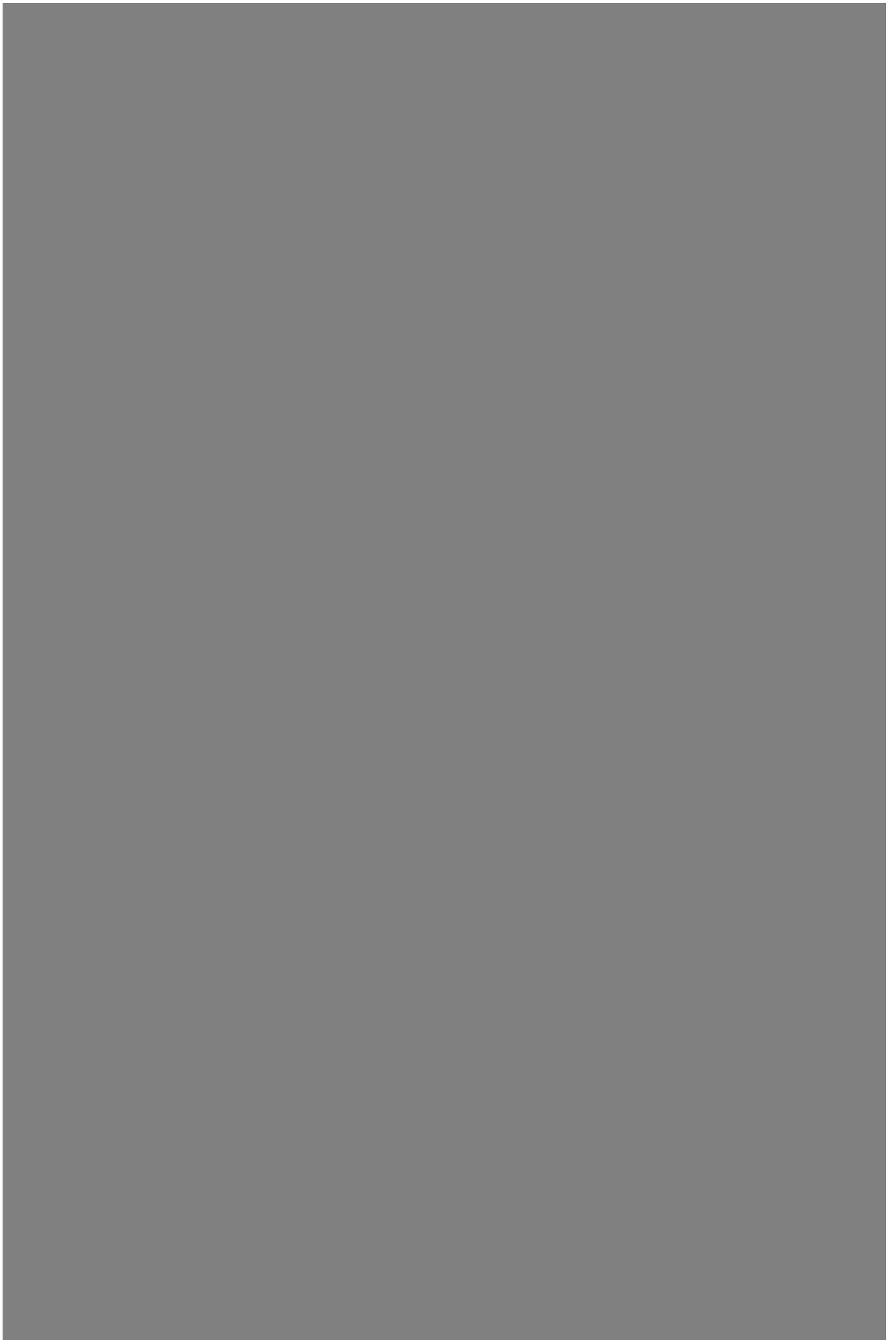










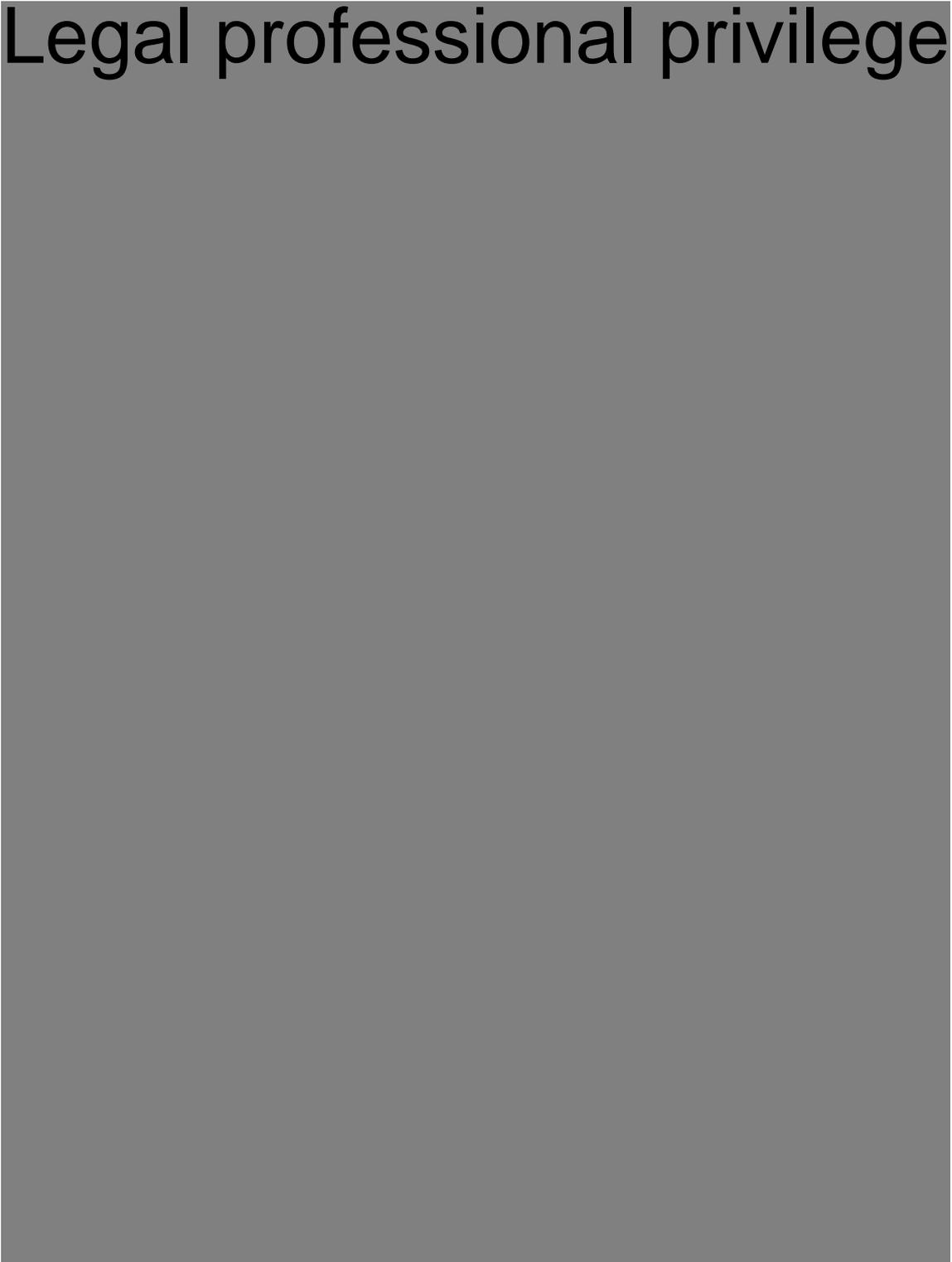


Annex Two: Draft Bill

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