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After the 'Summary: Acts of Parliament' box, the following heading and text has been added:

Acts of Senedd Cymru

As discussed in Chapter 3, the UK Parliament has devolved its law-making powers in a number of subject areas to the Senedd. It is important to note that legislation which is passed by the Senedd can only apply to Wales, whereas Acts of Parliament which extend to England and Wales may apply in relation to both England and Wales, only in relation to England, or only in relation to Wales.

All Acts of Cymru begin life as Bills. Once a Bill has been considered and passed by the Senedd, and given Royal Assent by the monarch, it becomes an 'Act of Senedd Cymru'. Bills may be introduced by the Welsh Government, a Senedd Committee, an individual Member or the Senedd Commission. Generally speaking, a Bill must pass through four stages before it can become an Act of Cymru. The process is summarised below:

- Stage 1: The Senedd considers and agrees the general principles of the Bill.
- Stage 2: A committee scrutinises the Bill and proposes any amendments to it.
- Stage 3: The Senedd scrutinises the Bill and proposes any amendments to it.
- Stage 4: The Senedd votes to pass the final text of the Bill.