

Safe Standing (Football Stadia) Bill

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Give all football clubs the freedom to build, or maintain existing, safe standing sections in their stadia if they choose; to establish minimum safety criteria that must be met for standing sections in football stadia; and for connected purposes.

BE 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 Conditions in licences relating to seating

(1) Section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (Power of Secretary of State to require conditions in licences relating to seating) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) there is inserted—

“(1A) The requirements imposed by a condition in pursuance of this section may relate to the number of spectators for whom seating is provided and the number of spectators for whom standing accommodation is provided; but no condition shall require that seating must be provided for all spectators.” 5

2 Conditions in licences relating to standing 10

(1) After section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (Power of Secretary of State to require conditions in licences relating to seating) there is inserted—

“11A Powers of the Secretary of State to require conditions in licences relating to standing spectators

(1) The Secretary of State must, by order, direct the licensing authority to include in any licence to admit spectators to any specified premises a condition imposing requirements as respects the safe standing of spectators at designated football matches at the premises; and it shall be the duty of the authority to comply with the direction. 15

(2) The requirements imposed by a condition in pursuance of this section may relate to the number of spectators for whom seating is provided 20

and the number of spectators for whom standing accommodation is provided; but no condition shall require that seating must be provided for all spectators.

- (3) The requirements imposed by a condition in pursuance of this section may relate to the accommodation to be provided at, or the arrangements to be made as respects the spectators admitted to, the premises. 5
- (4) A direction may require the licensing authority to include the condition in the licence when granting it or by way of varying the conditions of a licence. 10
- (5) Before giving a direction under this section in relation to any premises the Secretary of State shall consult the licensing authority which may, if it thinks fit, make recommendations to him.
- (6) The licensing authority shall not make any recommendations under subsection (6) above without consulting the local authority in whose area the premises are situated. 15
- (7) The power to make an order containing a direction under this section is exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (8) In this section “local authority” has the same meaning as in the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975. 20

11B Definition of and conditions for the provision of safe standing

- (1) “Safe standing” means the accommodation provided for those standing while spectating at a designated association football match where that match – 25
- (a) takes place at a ground registered with the Football League or the Football Association Premier League as the home ground of a club which is a member of the Football League or the Football Association Premier League; and
- (b) is played as part of a competition of the Football Association Premier League or the highest division of the Football League, at the time the match takes place. 30
- (2) The licensing authority must provide guidance to the Secretary of State regarding the imposition of conditions for safe standing not more than 18 months after this section comes into force, and it must publish this guidance within a reasonable period after it is issued.” 35

3 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Safe Standing (Football Stadia) Act 2011.
- (2) This Act shall come into force at the end of a period of six months beginning with the day on which it is passed. 40
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

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