

# Betting Shops Bill

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Require the Secretary of State to create a new planning use class for betting shops which would require the granting of planning permission; to provide that local planning authorities assess demand for betting shops when considering applications for premises in that planning use class and place a cap on the number of betting shops for which planning permission may be granted in any area; and for connected purposes.

**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 Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/764)**

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 is amended as follows.
- (2) In article 2, insert in the appropriate place — 5  
““Betting shop” means premises, other than a track within the meaning of the Gambling Act 2005, in respect of which a betting premises licence under Part 8 of that Act has effect.”
- (3) In article 3(6) (exclusion from use classes), at the end add — 10  
“(n) as a betting shop.”
- (4) In Part A of the Schedule, in Class A2(c) leave out “(including use as a betting office)”.

**2 Amendment of the Gambling Act 2005**

In Part 8 of the Gambling Act 2005, in section 153(2), leave out “not”.

### 3 Licensing guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance (“betting shop planning guidance”) to licensing authorities on the discharge of their functions under this Act and the Gambling Act 2005.
- (2) The Secretary of State may not issue the licensing guidance unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament. 5
- (3) The Secretary of State may, from time to time, revise the licensing guidance.
- (4) A revised version of the licensing guidance does not come into force until the Secretary of State lays it before Parliament.
- (5) Where either House, before the end of the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which a revised version of the licensing guidance is laid before it, by resolution disapproves that version— 10
  - (a) the Secretary of State must, under subsection (3), make such further revisions to the licensing guidance as appear to him to be required in the circumstances, and 15
  - (b) before the end of the period of 40 days beginning with the date on which the resolution is made, lay a further revised version of the licensing guidance before Parliament.
- (6) In reckoning any period of 40 days for the purposes of subsection (5), no account is to be taken of any time during which— 20
  - (a) Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or
  - (b) both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (7) The Secretary of State must arrange for any guidance issued or revised under this section to be published in such manner as he considers appropriate.

### 4 Short title, commencement and extent 25

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Betting Shops Act 2011.
- (2) This Act shall come into force at the end of a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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