



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Wednesday 20 January 2016

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

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CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

CHARITIES (PROTECTION AND SOCIAL INVESTMENT) BILL [*LORDS*], AS AMENDED

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.

Matthew Hancock

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☆ Clause 1, page 2, line 18, at end insert—

- “() The Commission may vary or withdraw a warning under this section.
- () Subsection (2) applies to the variation or withdrawal of a warning as it applies to a warning.
- () Subsections (3) to (6) apply to the variation of a warning as they apply to a warning, except that—
 - (a) in subsection (5)(a) references to the warning are to be read as references to the warning as varied, and

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- (b) the matter to be specified under subsection (5)(b) is any change as a result of the variation in the action previously proposed by the Commission.”

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment makes provision for the variation or withdrawal of official warnings issued under section 75A inserted by clause 1.

Matthew Hancock

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- ☆ Clause 9, page 8, line 7, at beginning insert “it relates to the management of the charity, and”

Member's explanatory statement

In a small charity employees who are not managers may report directly to charity trustees. Inserted section 178(4)(a) could cover their functions. This amendment would exclude them and limit “senior management functions” to functions involving management.

Sir Edward Garnier [R]

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Clause 9, page 10, line 2, at end insert—

- “(22) Before this section comes into force, the Secretary of State shall lay a report before Parliament on the impact of the extension of the disqualification framework on—
- (a) people with criminal records who are trustees of, or employed by, charities, and
 - (b) charities which work with, or employ, ex-offenders.
- (23) The report shall include, but not be limited to—
- (a) an assessment of the number of people employed by charities who will be affected by the extension of the disqualification framework to cover senior management positions,
 - (b) an assessment of the number of people who are trustees of, or employed by, charities who will be affected by the extension of the list of specified offences for which people will be automatically disqualified from being a trustee of, or a senior manager in, a charity,
 - (c) an assessment of the impact of the new disqualification framework on former offenders who are seeking, or intend to seek, employment in the charitable sector, including on their recruitment, retention, career prospects and long-term rehabilitation and resettlement,
 - (d) an assessment of the impact of the new disqualification framework on former offenders who are currently employed in the charitable sector, including on their retention, career prospects and long-term rehabilitation and resettlement,
 - (e) an assessment of the impact of the new disqualification framework on people with criminal records who are trustees or employees of charities which are partners in, or are contracted by, community rehabilitation companies (CRCs) and its impact on the successful running of those organisations,
 - (f) an assessment of the effectiveness of the existing waiver process provided for under section 181 of the Charities Act 2011,

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- (g) an assessment of the impact of the new disqualification framework on the number of applications for waivers to the Charity Commission,
- (h) a description of how the working group set up by the Charity Commission on the waiver process will be constituted, how it will be resourced, what timelines it will be working to, its working method and intended outputs, and how it will work in consultation with people with criminal records and charities that work with, or employ, ex-offenders,
- (i) a description of the criteria the Charity Commission will adopt in considering applications for waivers, and the weight it will attach to the views of the trustees of the charity or charities concerned,
- (j) a description of how the waiver process will operate in relation to prospective candidates for senior management positions in charities, including the timescales for decisions and mechanisms to ensure that ex-offenders do not suffer indirect discrimination as a consequence of delays in assessing applications for waivers while a competitive recruitment process is underway,
- (k) an assessment of the impact of the new disqualification framework on the resources provided by the Charity Commission to administer the waiver application process.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to lay before parliament a report on the impact of the extension of the disqualification framework on people with criminal records who are trustees of, or employed by, charities, and on charities which work with, or employ, ex-offenders before the section came into force.

Matthew Hancock

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- ☆ Clause 10, page 10, line 19, at beginning insert “it relates to the management of the charity, and”

Member’s explanatory statement

In a small charity employees who are not managers may report directly to charity trustees. Inserted section 181A(4)(a) could cover their functions. This amendment would exclude them and limit “senior management functions” to functions involving management.

Matthew Hancock

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- ☆ Clause 10, page 12, line 16, after “spent” insert “or, where condition B applies, would become spent if it were a conviction for the relevant disqualifying offence”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment adapts the reference to the time when a conviction becomes spent for cases covered by condition B in inserted section 181A(7).

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Matthew Hancock

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☆ Clause 14, page 18, line 6, at end insert—

“() to pay fees to a regulator of an amount determined by the regulations or determined by the regulator in accordance with the regulations;”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment would enable regulations to require charitable institutions to pay fees to a regulator specified in the regulations for the purpose of regulating charity fund-raising.

Matthew Hancock

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☆ Clause 14, page 18, line 31, at end insert—

“() Where regulations by virtue of this section apply in relation to charity fund-raising by institutions that are not charities, section 19 of the Charities Act 2011 (fees and other amounts payable to Commission) applies in relation to the regulations as it applies in relation to the enactments relating to charities (but that is without prejudice to the application of other provisions by virtue of this section or section 77(3)).”

Member’s explanatory statement

Regulations under the Charities Act 2011 may require fees to be paid to the Charity Commission in respect of functions relating to charities. The amendment extends this to functions given to the Commission under inserted section 64C in relation to the regulation of fund-raising by charitable institutions that are not charities.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [3 DECEMBER 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Bill [Lords]:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 7 January 2016.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

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Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of any message from the Lords) may be programmed.
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