



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Friday 20 July 2018

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

Amendments tabled since the last publication: 1 to 12 and NC1 to NC4

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BILL

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in accordance with the Order of the Committee [17 July 2018].

Stephen Timms

★ Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out “18” and insert “21”

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 12, leave out “18” and insert “21”

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 15, leave out “18” and insert “21”

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Stephen Timms

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- ★ Clause 1, page 2, leave out lines 18 to 21 and insert “a product which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion.”
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Stephen Timms

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- ★ Schedule 1, page 36, leave out line 11
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Stephen Timms

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- ★ Clause 2, page 2, line 33, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms

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- ★ Clause 2, page 3, line 18, leave out “18” and insert “21”

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- ★ Clause 2, page 3, line 21, leave out “18” and insert “21”
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- ★ Clause 4, page 5, line 15, leave out “18” and insert “21”

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- ★ Clause 4, page 5, line 23, leave out “18” and insert “21”

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- ★ Clause 4, page 5, line 26, leave out “18” and insert “21”
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- ★ Clause 5, page 6, leave out lines 40 to 41 and insert—
 ““corrosive substance” means any of the substances listed in Schedule 1.”
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Stephen Timms

NC1

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Annual report on corrosive substance attacks

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within twelve months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, publish an annual report on the data available on the number of corrosive substance attacks in the UK in each of the last five years.
- (2) The annual reports published under section 1 must include, but are not limited to—
 - (a) the location of the attacks; and
 - (b) the corrosive substance used; and
 - (c) any other information as may be available on each attack.”

Stephen Timms

NC2

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Offence of threatening with a non-corrosive substance

- (1) A person commits an offence if they threaten a person with a substance they claim or imply is corrosive.
- (2) It is not a defence for a person to prove that the substance used to threaten a person was not corrosive or listed under schedule 1 of this act.
- (3) In this section, “threaten a person” means—
 - (a) that the person unlawfully and intentionally threatens another person (“A”) with the substance, and
 - (b) does so in such a way that a reasonable person (“B”) who was exposed to the same threat as A would think that there was an immediate risk of physical harm to B.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale”.

Stephen Timms

NC3

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition on the possession of a corrosive substance on educational premises

- (1) A person commits an offence if that person has a corrosive substance with them on school premises or further education premises.
- (2) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to prove that they had good reason or lawful authority for having the corrosive substance on school premises or further education premises.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2), it is a defence for a person charged in England and Wales or Northern Ireland with an offence under

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subsection (1) to prove that they had the corrosive substance with them for use at work.

- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (3), it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to show that they had the corrosive substance with them for use at work.
- (5) A person is to be taken to have shown a matter mentioned in subsection (4) or (5) if—
 - (a) sufficient evidence of the matter is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
 - (c) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 4 years, to a fine or both.
- (7) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (maximum sentence that may be imposed on summary conviction of offence triable either way) the reference in subsection (7)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.
- (8) A constable may enter any school or further education premises and search those premises and any person on those premises, if they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under this section is, or has been, committed.
- (9) If, in the course of a search under this section, a constable discovers a corrosive substance they may seize and retain it.
- (10) The constable may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the exercise of entry conferred by this section
- (11) In this section—

“corrosive substance” means a substance which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion;

“school premises” means land used for the purpose of a school, excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at a school; and “school” has the meaning given by—

 - (a) in relation to land in England and Wales, section 4 of the Education Act 1996;
 - (b) in relation to land in Northern Ireland, Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (SI 1986/594 (NI 3)).

“further educational premises” means—

 - (a) in relation to England and Wales, land used solely for the purposes of—
 - (i) an institution within the further education sector or the higher education sector (within the meaning of section 91 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992), or
 - (ii) a 16 to 19 Academy (within the meaning of section 1B of the Academies Act 2010),
 excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution or 16 to 19 Academy.
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, land used solely for the purposes of an institution of further education within the meaning of

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Article 2 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (SI 1997/ 1772 (NI 15) excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution”.

Stephen Timms

NC4

★ To move the following Clause—

“Offence of threatening with corrosive substance on educational premises

- (1) A person commits an offence if that person threatens a person with a corrosive substance on school premises or further education premises.
- (2) In this section—
 - “corrosive substance” means a substance which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion;
 - “threatens a person” means—
 - (a) unlawfully and intentionally threatens another person (“A”) with a corrosive substance, and
 - (b) does so in such a way that a reasonable person (“B”) who was exposed to the same threat as A would think that there was an immediate risk of physical harm to B.
 - “school premises” means land used for the purpose of a school, excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at a school; and “school” has the meaning given by—
 - (a) in relation to land in England and Wales, section 4 of the Education Act 1996;
 - (b) in relation to land in Northern Ireland, Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (SI 1986/ 594 (NI 3)).
 - “further educational premises” means—
 - (a) in relation to England and Wales, land used solely for the purposes of—
 - (i) an institution within the further education sector or the higher education sector (within the meaning of section 91 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992), or
 - (ii) a 16 to 19 Academy (within the meaning of section 1B of the Academies Act 2010),
 excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution or 16 to 19 Academy.
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, land used solely for the purposes of an institution of further education within the meaning of Article 2 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (SI 1997/ 1772 (NI 15) excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution”.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;

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- (c) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 4 years, to a fine or both.
- (4) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (maximum sentence that may be imposed on summary conviction of offence triable either way) the reference in subsection (7)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months”.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [27 JUNE 2018]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Offensive Weapons Bill:

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 13 September 2018.
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 any 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 on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.

ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE [17 JULY 2018]

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 17 July) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 17 July;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 19 July;
 - (c) at 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 September;
 - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 6 September;
 - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 11 September;
 - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 13 September;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 10.55 am	Redthread; The Ben Kinsella Trust; St Giles Trust; Acid Survivors Trust International
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 11.25 am	The Crown Prosecution Service; London Borough of Croydon; The Chartered Trading Standards Institute
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 3.15 pm	The National Crime Agency; The National Ballistics Intelligence Service; National Police Chiefs' Council lead on firearms and explosive licensing; The Metropolitan Police
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 4.00 pm	National Police Chiefs' Council lead on corrosive attacks; National Police Chiefs' Council lead on knife enabled crime
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 4.30 pm	The British Retail Consortium; British Independent Retailers Association
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 12.00 pm	The British Association for Shooting and Conservation
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 1.00 pm	The Children's Commissioner; The Victims' Commissioner
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 2.30 pm	The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 3.00 pm	Thames Valley Police

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clause 1; Schedule 1; Clauses 2 to 30; Schedule 2; Clauses 31 to 40; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 13 September.