

Anti-Loitering Devices (Regulation) Bill

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Prohibit the use of certain anti-loitering devices without a licence; 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 Offence of operating an anti-loitering device without a licence

- (1) A person who operates an anti-loitering device without a licence from the relevant local authority shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. 5
- (3) In this Act, an “anti-loitering device” means any manufactured device designed to encourage the dispersal of persons that produces a sound of a frequency of 8kHz or above.

2 Licensing of anti-loitering devices

- (1) *The Secretary of State shall by regulation make provision about the licensing of anti-loitering devices by local authorities.* 10
- (2) Those regulations shall specify—
 - (a) the circumstances in which a licence should be granted, taking into account—
 - (i) public need, 15
 - (ii) public safety,
 - (iii) the effects on local residents;
 - (b) the relevant local authorities for the purposes of this Act.
- (3) Regulations under this section may make different provision for different purposes. 20

3 Regulations

- (1) Regulations under this Act are to be made by statutory instrument.

- (2) A statutory instrument containing regulations under section 2 may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only. 5
- (2) This Act (other than this section) comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Anti-Loitering Devices (Regulation) Bill.

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To prohibit the use of certain anti-loitering devices without a licence; and for connected purposes.

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