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ANIMAL WELFARE (SENTENCING) BILL

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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.

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Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—

“(2A) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Subsection (1B) applies where the court is considering for the purposes of sentencing the seriousness of an offence under any of sections 4, 5, 6(1) and (2), 7 and 8, and the person guilty of the offence—

- (a) filmed themselves committing the offence, or
- (b) posted online a video of themselves committing the offence.

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- (1B) The court—
- (a) must treat the fact mentioned in subsection (1A)(a) or (b) as an aggravating factor (that is to say, a factor that increases the seriousness of the offence), and
 - (b) must state in open court that the offence is so aggravated.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would make an offence covered by this Bill more serious for the purpose of sentencing if the guilty person filmed themselves, or posted a video online of themselves, committing it.

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To move the following Clause—

“Report on effects

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish a report on the effects of the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The report must include assessments of—
 - (a) trends in sentencing practice;
 - (b) the effects of this Act on animal welfare;
 - (c) the extent to which this Act has had a deterrent effect on animal welfare offences;
 - (d) the coherence and adequacy of animal welfare legislation in aggregate in the light of the operation of this Act.
- (3) The assessment under subsection (2)(d) must include consideration of—
 - (a) the welfare of animals that are not “protected animals” under section 2 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006;
 - (b) sentencing for offences under—
 - (i) all sections of the Animal Welfare Act 2006;
 - (ii) the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981;
 - (iii) the Deer Act 1991;
 - (iv) the Protection of Badgers Act 1992;
 - (v) the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996; and
 - (vi) the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (S.I.2017/1012).
- (4) The report must be laid before Parliament within two years of this Act coming into force.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament, within two years of the Bill coming into force, a report on its effectiveness, including specific assessments of its effect on animal welfare, the overall coherence of animal welfare legislation, and other matters.
