

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE (LEASEHOLD PROPERTY) BILL

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*[The page and line references are to HL Bill 107, the bill as first printed for the Lords]*

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**Clause 1**

- 1 Page 1, line 11, after “premises” insert “(which include premises where a tenant is in exclusive possession)”
- 2 Page 5, line 3, at end insert –  
    “(k) aimed at ensuring that nothing done by the operator in the exercise of the Part 4A code right unnecessarily prevents or inhibits the provision of an electronic communications service by any other operator.”

**After Clause 2**

- 3 Insert the following new Clause –
- “Review of this Act’s impact on the Electronic Communications Code**
- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must commission a review of the impact of this Act on the Electronic Communications Code (“the code”) contained in Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003.
- (2) A review under subsection (1) must include assessments of whether the code –
- (a) is sufficient to support access to 1 gigabit per second broadband in every premises in the United Kingdom by 2025, and
  - (b) should be amended to –
    - (i) introduce rights of access to telecommunications operators akin to those available to suppliers of –
      - (a) electricity,
      - (b) gas, and
      - (c) water,
    - (ii) provide additional development rights for operators to support the provision of telecommunications infrastructure,

- (iii) encourage telecommunications operators to undertake infrastructure works alongside other works being carried out in a locality, where this is practicable.
- (3) In undertaking the review, the Secretary of State must consult—
  - (a) telecommunications operators,
  - (b) organisations that represent tenants and telecommunications consumers,
  - (c) persons appearing to the Secretary of State to represent owners of interests in land who are likely to be affected by amendments to the code, and
  - (d) any other persons the Secretary of State deems appropriate.
- (4) A review under subsection (1) must be published within 12 months of the day on which it was commissioned.
- (5) The review must make a recommendation on whether the Government should introduce legislation to amend the code in accordance with its findings under subsection (2)(b).
- (6) A Minister of the Crown must lay the review before Parliament.”

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