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Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill

(Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Speaker's provisional Selection and Grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Mrs Pauline Latham 1

Clause 2, page 1, line 11, leave out "(2)" and insert "(3)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would insert the subsection which provides for the new offence of carrying out conduct for the purpose of causing a child to enter into a marriage after section 121(3) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Policing and Crime Act 2014 rather than after section 121(2) of that Act.

Mrs Pauline Latham 2

Clause 2, page 1, line 15, leave out "threats or any other form or coercion" and insert "threats, any other form of coercion or deception, and whether or not it is carried out in England and Wales"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would state expressly that for the new offence of carrying out conduct for the purpose of causing a child to enter into a marriage, the conduct may take place in England and Wales or elsewhere and may, but does not have to, involve deception.

Mrs Pauline Latham 3

Clause 2, page 1, line 17, leave out subsection (3)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the cross-reference to the new offence of carrying out conduct for the purpose of causing a child to enter into a marriage.

Mrs Pauline Latham

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Clause 2, page 2, line 3, leave out subsection (6) and insert—

“(6) After subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) A person commits an offence under subsection (3A) only if—

- (a) the conduct is for the purpose of causing the child to enter into a marriage in England or Wales,
- (b) at the time of the conduct, the person or child is habitually resident in England and Wales, or
- (c) at the time of the conduct, the child is a United Kingdom national who—
 - (i) has been habitually resident in England and Wales, and
 - (ii) is not habitually resident or domiciled in Scotland or Northern Ireland.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would mean that a person may commit the new offence of carrying out conduct for the purpose of causing a child to enter into a marriage only if the conduct is for the purpose of causing a child to enter into a marriage in England or Wales, or the person or the child has a specified connection to England and Wales.

Mrs Pauline Latham

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Clause 2, page 2, line 4, leave out subsection (7)

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would in respect of the new offence of carrying out conduct for the purpose of causing a child to enter into a marriage remove the exception for marriages of 16 and 17 year olds that take place in Scotland or Northern Ireland, so that conduct related to such marriages may amount to an offence.
