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Committee Stage: Friday 27 May 2022

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## Public Order Bill

### Amendment Paper

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Public Order 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

★ New Amendments.

New Amendments: NC1

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**Dr Rupa Huq**

NC1

Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dame Diana Johnson  
Wera Hobhouse  
Simon Fell  
Caroline Nokes

Mr Virendra Sharma  
Mick Whitley  
Sarah Champion  
Sarah Olney  
Mr Andrew Mitchell  
Huw Merriman  
Hywel Williams  
Jonathan Edwards

Clive Betts  
Bell Ribeiro-Addy  
Claire Hanna  
Stella Creasy  
Stephen Farry  
Dr Dan Poulter  
Liz Saville Roberts

Sir Peter Bottomley  
Tim Loughton  
Caroline Lucas  
Tony Lloyd  
Nigel Mills  
Angela Richardson  
Ben Lake

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Offence of interference with access to or provision of abortion services**

- (1) A person who is within a buffer zone and who interferes with any person’s decision to access, provide, or facilitate the provision of abortion services in that buffer zone is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A “buffer zone” means an area with a boundary which is 150 metres from any part of an abortion clinic or any access point to any building or site that contains an abortion clinic.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), “interferes with” means—
  - (a) seeks to influence; or

- (b) persistently, continuously or repeatedly occupies; or
  - (c) impedes or threatens; or
  - (d) intimidates or harasses; or
  - (e) advises or persuades, attempts to advise or persuade, or otherwise expresses opinion; or
  - (f) informs or attempts to inform about abortion services by any means, including, without limitation, graphic, physical, verbal or written means; or
  - (g) sketches, photographs, records, stores, broadcasts, or transmits images, audio, likenesses or personal data of any person without express consent.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) in the first instance—
    - (i) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or
    - (ii) to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
    - (iii) to both; and
  - (b) on further instances—
    - (i) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or to a fine, or to both; or
    - (ii) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to a fine, or to both.
- (5) Nothing in this section applies to—
- (a) anything done in the course of providing, or facilitating the provision of, abortion services in an abortion clinic,
  - (b) the operation of a camera if its coverage of persons accessing or attempting to access an abortion clinic is incidental and the camera or footage is not used for the any of the purposes listed in subsection (3), and
  - (c) a police officer acting properly in the course of their duties.”

#### **Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would introduce areas around abortion clinics and hospitals (buffer zones) where interference with, and intimidation or harassment of, women accessing or people providing abortion services would be an offence.

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## Order of the House

[23 May 2022]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Public Order 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 Tuesday 21 June 2022.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings 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 Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

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