

Bus Services Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King'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 Bus services: duty of Secretary of State

- (1) *The Secretary of State has a duty to ensure that every town in England with a population of more than 10,000 people has bus services which—*
 - (a) *operate seven days a week,*
 - (b) *serve local health services, including hospitals and GP surgeries.* 5
- (2) In carrying out the duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) local authorities for the areas to which the duty applies,
 - (b) integrated care boards for the areas to which the duty applies,
 - (c) residents, or organisations representing residents, of the areas to which the duty applies. 10
- (3) *The Secretary of State may by regulations make further provision for the purpose of complying with the duty under subsection (1).*
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may not be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing them has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament. 15

2 Extent, commencement and citation

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Bus Services Act 2024. 20

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