

Welfare Reform Bill

COMMONS REASONS AND AMENDMENT

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 75, the bill as first printed for the Lords.]

Clause 10

- 1** Page 4, line 34, at end insert “, such additional amount to be paid at either a higher rate, or a lower rate, which shall be no less than two-thirds of the higher rate as may be prescribed”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 1 for the following Reason –

- 1A** *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

Clause 11

- 2** Page 5, line 2, after “credit” insert “, subject to subsection (3A),”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 2 for the following Reason –

- 2A** *Because Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

- 3** Page 5, line 21, at end insert –

“(3A) In relation to a dwelling of which the landlord is a local housing authority or a registered provider of social housing, and no suitable alternative accommodation (as defined in regulations to be made under this section, and provided by any such provider) is available, regulations under this section shall not permit the housing cost element of the universal credit to

be less than the actual amount of the liability in a case where a household has no more than one spare bedroom.”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 3 for the following Reason –

- 3A** *Because Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*
- 4** Page 5, line 23, at end insert –
- “(4A) Regulations shall not permit any reduction of housing benefit or amounts included for accommodation in an award of universal credit in respect of under occupation, deemed or actual, where –
- (a) the landlord is a local authority or a registered provider of social housing, and
 - (b) any such landlord is not able to offer suitable alternative accommodation which would not cause a person to under occupy.
- (4B) Regulations may make provision for determining when accommodation is suitable for the purposes of these provisions.”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 4 for the following Reason –

- 4A** *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

Clause 51

- 15** Page 36, line 16, after “2007” insert “, and subject to section (Condition relating to youth (No. 2)),”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 15 for the following Reason –

- 15A** *Because Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 23 would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*
- 17** Page 36, line 19, leave out “365 days” and insert “a prescribed number of days which must be at least 730”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 17 for the following Reason –

- 17A** *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed*

sufficient.

- 18** Page 36, line 21, at end insert “except –
- (a) where a person is receiving treatment for cancer when entitlement shall continue for so long as the person has (or is treated as having) limited capacity for work; or
 - (b) the person has (or is treated as having) limited capacity for work as a consequence of a cancer diagnosis.”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 18 for the following Reason –

- 18A** *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

- 19** Page 36, line 30, at end insert –

“(2A) The period for which a person is entitled to a contributory allowance by virtue of the third condition set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 (youth) shall not exceed a prescribed number of days which must be at least 730.”

COMMONS AGREEMENT WITH AMENDMENT

The Commons agree to this Amendment with the following Amendment –

- 19A** Line 4, leave out “a prescribed number of days which must be at least 730” and insert “365 days”

Clause 52

- 23** Leave out Clause 52 and insert the following new Clause –

“Condition relating to youth (No. 2)

In paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (condition relating to youth), after sub-paragraph (1)(d) insert –

“(e) after the assessment phase has ended, the claimant has limited capacity for work-related activity.””

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 23 for the following Reason –

- 23A** *Because Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 23 would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

Clause 68

- 26** Page 52, line 36, at end insert –

“(4) After subsection (7) insert –

“(7A) In relation to a dwelling of which the landlord is a local housing authority or a registered provider of social housing, and no alternative accommodation (as defined in regulations to be made under this section, and provided by any such provider) is available, regulations under this section shall not permit the AMHB to be less than the actual amount of the liability in a case where a household has no more than one spare bedroom.””

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 26 for the following Reason –

26A *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

Clause 93

47 Page 62, line 19, after “benefits” insert “with the exclusion of child benefit”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 47 for the following Reason –

47A *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

Clause 131

73 Page 101, line 27, at end insert –

“(3) In section 6 of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (provision to allow charging of fees by the Commission), after subsection (2) there is inserted –

“(2A) Nothing in regulations under subsection (1) shall impose a liability on a parent with care for the payment of fees to the Commission where that parent has taken reasonable steps to establish whether it is possible or appropriate to make a maintenance agreement (within the meaning of section 9 of the Child Support Act 1991), and where, having taken such reasonable steps, it is either not possible or not appropriate for the parent with care to do so.””

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 73 for the following Reason –

73A *Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*