

Welfare Reform Bill

COMMONS REASON

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

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.*

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.*

LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENTS IN LIEU

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments 2, 3 and 26, but do propose Amendments 3B and 26B in lieu.

Clause 11

3B 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, and—

- (a) the claimant is subject to no work related requirements in accordance with the provisions of section 19;
- (b) the claimant, or a child or a young person for whom either or both the claimants is responsible, is in receipt of disability living allowance, or personal independence payment, or attendance allowance or an increase of disablement pension where constant attendance is required; or
- (c) the claimant is a war widow or widower; or
- (d) the claimant routinely provides foster care placements.

(3B) In subsection (3A), “claimant” means a single claimant or joint claimant.””

Clause 68

26B Page 52, line 36, at end insert—

“() 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 AMHB to be less than the actual amount of the liability in a case where a household has no more than one spare bedroom, and –

- (a) the claimant is subject to no work-related requirements in accordance with the provisions of section 11D of the Welfare Reform Act 2007;
- (b) the claimant, their partner or a child or a young person for whom the claimant (or their partner) is responsible, is in receipt of disability living allowance, or personal independence payment, or attendance allowance or an increase of disablement pension where constant attendance is required;
- (c) the claimant is a war widow or widower; or
- (d) the claimant or their partner routinely provides foster care placements.”

COMMONS DISAGREEMENT AND REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 3B and 26B for the following Reason –

- 26C** *Because Lords Amendments Nos. 3B and 26B 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.*

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