Psychoactive Substances Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE

After Clause 1
BARONESS MEACHER

Insert the following new Clause—

“Republic of Ireland: impact assessment

(1) The Secretary of State must conduct an impact assessment of the Republic of Ireland’s Criminal Justice (Psychoactive Substances) Act 2010.

(2) The Secretary of State must publish a report setting out whether or not the impact assessment under subsection (1) justifies the commencement of this Act in its current form.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Monitoring

Following the commencement of this Act, the Secretary of State must publish a report annually setting out the impact of this Act, including on deaths and other harms caused by all controlled and banned substances.”

Clause 3
BARONESS MEACHER

Page 2, line 10, at end insert—

“(2A) The Secretary of State must add a substance to Schedule 1 under subsection (2)(a) if it is deemed to pose low health, social and safety risks.

(2B) A substance is deemed to pose low health, social and safety risks under subsection (2A) if it is so determined by an independent committee comprising experts nominated by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the British Pharmacological Society and the Academy of Medical Sciences.”
Clause 5
BARONESS MEACHER
Page 3, line 11, at end insert—

“( ) For the purposes of this section, patrons of entertainment establishments and those responsible for health and social care services and prisons are exempt from liability for their clients’ use of psychoactive substances on their premises within the meaning of this Act.”

Clause 57
BARONESS MEACHER
Page 33, line 7, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

“(1) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.”
Page 33, line 12, at end insert—

“( ) The Secretary of State may not make regulations under subsection (2) until she has published a report under section (Republic of Ireland: impact assessment).”

Schedule 1
BARONESS MEACHER
Page 34, line 7, leave out paragraph 2 and insert—

“2 All medicinal products prescribed by a doctor or sold by a licensed pharmacist.”
Page 34, line 13, leave out paragraph 3 and insert—

“3 All research pharmaceuticals being used to develop new medicines or progress neuroscience research.”
Page 34, line 16, at end insert—

“Low non-psychoactive doses of psychoactive substances.”