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After Clause 2

LORD HOWARTH OF NEWPORT

Insert the following new Clause—

“Guidance

The Secretary of State must issue guidance, before this Act comes into force and regularly updated thereafter, as to how users, enforcement authorities and others can identify individual psychoactive substances, the degree of the psychoactivity, their safe uses and their relative harms.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Provision of information

Before this Act comes into force the Secretary of State must provide—

(a) a publicly accessible website containing comprehensive information about all psychoactive substances, including controlled substances, which he has reason to believe are or may be available to consumers in the United Kingdom,

(b) a network of testing centres, readily accessible at no charge to users and others, at which they can be informed about the identity, composition, toxicity and potential harms to human health of any substances brought in by them which there is reason to think may be psychoactive.”

Insert the following new Clause—

“Education

(1) The Secretary of State shall require that all children of secondary school age receive education designed to teach them about the realities of psychoactive substances (whether controlled or otherwise) and develop them as persons who are informed, risk-aware, resilient and responsible in relation to psychoactive substances.
(2) Ofsted and equivalent agencies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland shall, in the course of their normal inspections of secondary schools of all kinds, inspect the performance of individual schools in drug education and include their findings on this in the reports which they issue on those schools.

(3) Ofsted and equivalent agencies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland shall publish an annual report on the state of drug education in schools in each nation of the UK, together with recommendations.

(4) The Secretary of State shall monitor the programmes and resources available to schools to support their teaching about psychoactive substances of all sorts (including both controlled and exempted substances).”

Clause 3

LORD HOWARTH OF NEWPORT

Line 7, at end insert—

“(2C) These substances must included one stimulant, one depressant and one hallucinogenic.”

(2D) Before adding these substances, which may be substances at present controlled under the provisions of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, the Secretary of State must be satisfied that he has established a regime of appropriate regulation in relation to each of them.”

LORD HOWARTH OF NEWPORT

[As amendments to the amendment to Clause 3 printed on sheet HL Bill 2(a)]

Line 2, leave out “a substance” and insert “certain substances”

After Clause 5

LORD HOWARTH OF NEWPORT

Insert the following new Clause—

“Possession for personal use

Possession for personal use of any psychoactive substances, including psychoactive substances hitherto controlled under the provisions of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, is not a criminal offence.”
After Clause 10

LORD PADDICK
BARONESS HAMWEE

Insert the following new Clause—

“Control of cannabis

(1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State shall make regulations to amend the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001—
   (a) to omit from Schedule 1 to the regulations the substances listed in subsection (2); and
   (b) to add those substances to Schedule 2 to the regulations.

(2) The substances referred to in subsection (1) are—
   (a) cannabis; and
   (b) cannabis resin.”

After Clause 35

LORD HOWARTH OF NEWPORT

Insert the following new Clause—

“Report on use of stop and search powers

(1) The Secretary of State shall make a report to Parliament each year on the use of powers to stop and search persons and vehicles and of other search warrants under the powers created in this Act.

(2) The report shall include statistical and other information which it appears appropriate to the Secretary of State to include as to the numbers of individuals stopped and searched under these powers, their ethnicity and other socio-economic characteristics, the grounds upon which these powers have been used, and the numbers of people subsequently made subject to the various enforcement measures provided for in this Act.”

Clause 57

LORD HOWARTH OF NEWPORT

Page 33, line 12, at end insert “but not before both Houses of Parliament have debated the conclusions of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs in 2016”
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