

Digital Economy Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

After Clause 2

LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Insert the following new Clause—

“Bill limits for mobile phone contracts

- (1) A telecommunications service provider supplying a contract relating to a handheld mobile telephone must, at the time of entering into such a contract, allow the end-user the opportunity to place a financial cap on the monthly bill under that contract.
- (2) A telecommunications service provider under subsection (1) must not begin to supply a contracted service to an end-user unless the end-user has either—
 - (a) requested the monthly cap be put in place and agreed the amount of that cap, or
 - (b) decided, with the decision recorded on a durable medium, not to put a monthly cap in place.
- (3) An end-user may, after the start of the contracted service—
 - (a) contact the service provider to require a cap to be put in place and agree the amount of that cap, or
 - (b) require a cap to be removed, with the requirement recorded on a durable medium.
- (4) The end-user should bear no cost for the supply of any service above the cap if the provider has—
 - (a) failed to impose a cap agreed under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(a);
 - (b) introduced, or amended a cap following the end-user’s instructions under subsection (2)(b); or
 - (c) removed the cap without the end-user’s express consent, provided on a durable medium as required under subsection (2)(b) or (3)(b).”

After Clause 40

BARONESS SCOTT OF NEEDHAM MARKET
LORD CLEMENT-JONES

Insert the following new Clause—

“Registers under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 to be kept in electronic form

For section 25 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 substitute—

“25 Provision of registers, etc, by Registrar General

Any register required to be kept under the provisions this Act shall be in electronic form and the Registrar General shall provide electronically any of the forms mentioned in this Act for making certified copies of entries held in the registers, which may be required for the purposes of this Act.””

After Clause 79

LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Insert the following new Clause—

“Listed events qualifying criteria

- (1) The Broadcasting Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) For section 98(2)(b) substitute—
 - “(b) that the service has been watched by at least 90% of citizens in the United Kingdom in the course of the preceding calendar year.”
- (3) After section 98(2) insert—
 - “(2A) The Secretary of State may by Order amend section (2)(b) by substituting a different percentage for any percentage for the time being specified there.
 - (2B) No Order under subsection (2A) shall be made unless a draft of the Order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.””

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