

Digital Economy Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

LORD MENDELSON
LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Page 1, leave out lines 11 and 12 and insert –

- “(2B) The universal service order shall say that broadband connections and services must be provided –
- (a) with speeds of 2 gigabits or more;
 - (b) with Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) as a minimum standard;
 - (c) with appropriate measures to ensure that internet speed levels are not affected by high contention ratios;
 - (d) with appropriate measures to ensure service providers run low latency networks.”

After Clause 1

LORD MENDELSON
LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Insert the following new Clause –

“SMEs: universal service broadband obligations

The Secretary of State must ensure that small and medium-sized enterprises are prioritised in the roll-out of the universal service broadband obligation.”

Clause 22

BARONESS BENJAMIN

Page 24, line 39, leave out “may” and insert “must”

After Clause 84

BARONESS BENJAMIN
BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Insert the following new Clause –

“Original programmes for children and young people

After section 289 of the Communications Act 2003 (regional matters in the public teletext service) insert –

“289A Original programmes for children and young people

- (1) The regulatory regime for every licensed public service channel must include the conditions that OFCOM consider appropriate for securing –
 - (a) that the programmes included in the channel include high quality original programmes for children and young people;
 - (b) that the programmes for children and young people included in the service are of a suitable range;
 - (c) that the programmes for children and young people so included are broadcast for viewing at appropriate times.
- (2) The regulatory regime must also include conditions that OFCOM consider appropriate for securing that, in each year –
 - (a) the time allocated to the broadcasting of programmes for children included in the service, and
 - (b) the time allocated to the broadcasting of programmes for young people so included,
 constitute no less than what appears to OFCOM to be an appropriate proportion of the time allocated to the broadcasting of all the programmes included in the channel.
- (3) Before determining for the purposes of this section the proportionate time to be allocated to the broadcasting of programmes for children and young people, OFCOM must consult the provider of the channel, or, as the case may be, the person who is proposing to provide it.
- (4) The requirement to consult is satisfied, in the case of the imposition of a condition by way of a variation of a license, by compliance with section 3(4)(b) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (licences under Part I).”

After Clause 87

LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Insert the following new Clause –

“Offence of using digital ticket purchasing software to purchase excessive number of tickets

- (1) A person commits an offence if he or she utilises digital ticket purchasing software to purchase tickets over and above the number permitted in the condition of sale.
- (2) A person commits an offence if he or she knowingly resells or offers to resell, or allows to be resold or offered for resale on a secondary ticketing facility, a ticket that the person knows, or could reasonably suspect, was obtained using digital ticket purchasing software and was acting in the course of a business.

After Clause 87 - continued

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) a person shall be treated as acting in the course of a business if he or she does anything as a result of which he or she makes a profit or aims to make a profit.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to—
 - (a) imprisonment for a period not exceeding 51 weeks,
 - (b) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
 - (c) both.
- (5) In this section—

“digital ticket purchasing software” means any machine, device, computer programme or computer software that, on its own or with human assistance, bypasses security measures or access control systems on a retail ticket purchasing platform that assist in implementing a limit on the number of tickets that can be purchased, to purchase tickets;

“retail ticket purchasing platform” shall mean a retail ticket purchasing website, application, phone system, or other technology platform used to sell tickets.”

Clause 89

BARONESS BENJAMIN

Page 90, line 13, at end insert—

- “() Part 3 and section 80 come into force at the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

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