

Armed Forces Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

After Clause 18

BARONESS MASSEY OF DARWEN

Insert the following new Clause—

“Age of recruitment

In section 328 of the AFA 2006 (enlistment), in subsection (2)(c), omit “without the consent of prescribed persons.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment establishes 18 as the minimum age for recruitment into the UK armed forces.

Insert the following new Clause—

“The minimum term for service

In section 329 of the AFA 2006 (terms and conditions of enlistment and service), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Where time is prescribed under subsection (2)(c) by reference to number of years from the date of enlistment, the age of the person on that date may not be taken into account.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that soldiers aged under 18 are not required to serve for a longer period than adult personnel.

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