

Assisted Dying Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 3

LORD MCAVOY

Page 2, line 6, leave out “witness” and insert “solicitor”

Page 2, line 7, after “treatment” insert “or likely to receive any benefit directly or indirectly from the person’s death”

LORD LEIGH OF HURLEY

Page 2, line 21, at end insert –

“(2A) Any independent doctor or attending doctor may not sign more than 12 declarations a year.”

Clause 4

LORD MCCOLL OF DULWICH

Page 3, line 14, leave out “medicines prescribed” and insert “lethal drugs issued”

Clause 9

LORD LEIGH OF HURLEY

Page 6, line 32, at end insert –

“(1A) An independent doctor or attending doctor must inform the relevant Chief Medical Officer when signing any declaration under section 3, and the relevant Chief Medical Officer must keep a record of each independent doctor and attending doctor who has signed a declaration for a period of 10 years.”

Clause 13

BARONESS HOLLINS

Page 8, line 12, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) The sections under subsection (2A) come into force once the following conditions have been met –

Clause 13 - continued

- (a) the Secretary of State is satisfied that there is sufficient NHS-funded palliative care available such that its availability is not a factor in a person's decision to seek assistance with dying, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State has laid a report before Parliament confirming that the condition in paragraph (a) has been met.
- (2A) The following come into force once the conditions under subsection (2) have been met—
- (a) sections 4 and 7 so far as they confer a power to make regulations;
 - (b) section 8 so far as it confers a power to issue codes of practice or orders;
 - (c) sections 11 and 12; and
 - (d) this section.
- (2B) Thereafter the Secretary of State must continue to lay such a report as outlined in subsection (2)(b) before Parliament each session.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that an assisted “suicide” could only be made available once a specified level of palliative care is universally available to residents of England and Wales through the NHS.

The Schedule

BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

Page 9, line 7, leave out “months” and insert “weeks”

Member's explanatory statement

This reduces the amount of time within which a person is reasonably expected to die as a result of their terminal illness.

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