

Assisted Dying Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Page 1, line 3, after “request” insert “unambiguously”

Page 1, line 7, after “settled” insert “, autonomous”

Page 1, line 7, leave out “wish” and insert “intention”

Page 1, line 15, at end insert –

“(iv) is making the request on the basis of a fully informed decision.”

Page 1, line 15, at end insert –

“(iv) is not under any coercion or duress to make the decision, or sense of obligation or duty to others to die.”

Clause 3

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Page 2, line 5, after “settled” insert “, unambiguous”

Page 2, line 5, leave out “wish” and insert “intention”

THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE

Page 2, line 34, at end insert “, both within the immediate facilities and the surrounding areas, including in the person’s own home, and that the person has been provided with all appropriate services that they need to live successfully.”

After Clause 3

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Insert the following new Clause –

“Informed request

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a request for assistance with suicide may be regarded as fully informed if the person making the request has been made fully aware of his or her medical condition and its prognosis, of the consequences of receiving assistance with suicide and of alternatives to pursuing such a course, including palliative care, hospice and other care.
- (2) If a person making a request for assistance with suicide under this Act has not previously been referred to a specialist practitioner in palliative care, the attending doctor must refer the person for a consultation with such a specialist, for an explanation of how pain relief can be achieved, for treatment (where appropriate) and for a report as to the person’s understanding of his or her terminal situation.”

Clause 6

BARONESS O'LOAN

Page 4, line 31, leave out “any”

Member’s explanatory statement

These amendments would strengthen the provisions concerning criminal liability in this Act.

Page 4, line 31, after “with” insert “the requirements of”

Member’s explanatory statement

These amendments would strengthen the provisions concerning criminal liability in this Act.

Page 4, line 31, after “Act” insert “, including any clinical practices, processes or procedures included in codes of practice or regulations issued under this Act,”

Member’s explanatory statement

These amendments would strengthen the provisions concerning criminal liability in this Act.

Clause 8

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Page 5, line 35, after “clear” insert “, autonomous”

Page 6, line 5, leave out “wishes” and insert “intends”

BARONESS O'LOAN

Page 6, line 21, leave out from “code” to end of line 23

Member’s explanatory statement

These amendments would strengthen the provisions concerning criminal liability in this Act.

The Schedule

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Page 9, line 11, after “clear” insert “, autonomous”

BARONESS GOUDIE

Page 10, line 1, after “life” insert “and is not suffering from any mentally altering condition that would ordinarily impair judgement”

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Page 10, line 2, after “clear” insert “, autonomous”

BARONESS GOUDIE

Page 10, line 12, after “life” insert “and is not suffering from any mentally altering condition that would ordinarily impair judgement”

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Page 10, line 13, after “clear” insert “, autonomous”

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