

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

Clause 1

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

Page 1, line 5, at end insert “for a period of three years”

Page 1, line 7, at end insert –

- “(4) The membership of the Committee is to include, amongst others –
- (a) a veterinary surgeon;
 - (b) an active farmer or person with knowledge of livestock production or land management; and
 - (c) a person with knowledge of slaughterhouses.”

Leave out Clause 1 and insert the following new Clause –

“Animal Sentience Committee

- (1) A body corporate called the Animal Sentience Committee is established.
- (2) The Animal Sentience Committee is not to be regarded –
 - (a) as the servant or agent of the Crown, or
 - (b) as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.
- (3) The Animal Sentience Committee’s property is not to be regarded –
 - (a) as the property of the Crown, or
 - (b) as property held on behalf of the Crown.
- (4) The Animal Sentience Committee is to consist of –
 - (a) a Chair appointed by the Secretary of State,
 - (b) other non-executive members appointed by the Secretary of State,
 - (c) a chief executive appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Secretary of State or, if the first Chair has not been appointed, by the Secretary of State, and
 - (d) other executive members appointed by the Chair.
- (5) The Secretary of State must consult the Chair before appointing the other non-executive members.

Clause 1 - continued

- (6) The Secretary of State and the Chair must ensure, so far as practicable, that the number of non-executive members is at all times greater than the number of executive members.
- (7) A person holds and vacates office as a member of the Animal Sentience Committee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the person's appointment.
- (8) The terms and conditions of a person's appointment as a non-executive member of the Animal Sentience Committee are to be determined by the Secretary of State; but that is subject to the following provisions of this section.
- (9) The terms and conditions of a person's appointment as an executive member of the Animal Sentience Committee are to be determined by the Chair with the approval of the Secretary of State; but that is subject to the following provisions of this section.
- (10) The terms and conditions of a person's appointment may cover, among other things –
 - (a) the period for which the person is to hold office;
 - (b) the person's eligibility for re-appointment;
 - (c) circumstances in which a person's membership may be suspended.
- (11) A person may resign from office as a non-executive member of the Animal Sentience Committee by notifying the Secretary of State.
- (12) A person may resign from office as an executive member of the Animal Sentience Committee by notifying the Chair.
- (13) The Secretary of State may remove a person from office as a non-executive member of the Animal Sentience Committee if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the person is unable or unfit to carry out the functions of the office.
- (14) The Chair may remove a person from office as an executive member of the Animal Sentience Committee if, in the opinion of the Chair, the person is unable or unfit to carry out the functions of the office.
- (15) The Animal Sentience Committee may determine its own procedure (including quorum).
- (16) The validity of any proceedings of the Animal Sentience Committee is not affected by a vacancy or defective appointment.
- (17) The Secretary of State may by regulations make other provision about the Animal Sentience Committee including provision about –
 - (a) staffing;
 - (b) remuneration of members and staff;
 - (c) delegation of functions;
 - (d) funding;
 - (e) accounts and reporting.
- (18) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (17) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Clause 1 - continued

Leave out Clause 1

Clause 2

LORD PEARSON OF RANNOCH

Page 1, line 20, at end insert –

“(4A) The Committee must consult widely before producing any report about whether government policy on electric dog-training collars will affect the welfare of dogs as sentient beings.”

After Clause 3

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Insert the following new Clause –

“Annual reports

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the Committee must submit to both Houses of Parliament an annual report on the exercise of the Committee’s functions during the year.
- (2) The annual report must include –
 - (a) a statement of the policies within its remit on which the Committee has reported under section 2 during the year;
 - (b) an overview of the implementation of animal sentience requirements across government;
 - (c) a statement of the other activities the Committee has undertaken during the year in the exercise of its functions.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This would require the Animal Sentience Committee to submit an annual report to Parliament.

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