

# Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill

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## MANUSCRIPT AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN GRAND COMMITTEE

*[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]*

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Amendment  
No.

### Clause 5

BARONESS HOEY  
LORD DODDS OF DUNCAIRN

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Page 7, line 42, at end insert –

- “(9) This section has effect notwithstanding section 7A of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
- (10) No inference is to be drawn from subsection (9) as to whether this section would otherwise have effect subject to section 7A of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.”

#### *Member’s explanatory statement*

*This amendment at subsection (9) would ensure that s7A of the 2018 Act cannot transport the requirements within the Protocol into domestic law, and thus nullify the cross community consent mechanisms.*

### Clause 6

BARONESS HOEY  
LORD DODDS OF DUNCAIRN

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Page 8, line 7, at end insert –

- “(c) section 56A of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Schedule 6A to that Act.”

#### *Member’s explanatory statement*

*This repeals the Protocol consent mechanisms which were made by regulation by the NI Secretary of State. These consent mechanisms expressly transport the Protocol into domestic law by ensuring the consent of the NI Assembly for its continuation requires only a majority vote (and expressly disapplies cross community consent protections of section 42 of the 1998 Act), rather than cross community consent protections applying pursuant to Strand One (5)(d) of the Belfast Agreement.*

*The Protocol requires (at least in respect Articles 5-10) that positive consent be given for its onward existence.*

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