

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS BILL [HL]

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON COMMONS AMENDMENTS

What these notes do

- 1 These Explanatory Notes relate to the Commons Amendments to the Professional Qualifications Bill [HL] as brought from the House of Commons on 15 March 2022 (HL Bill 130).
- 2 These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Department”) in order to assist the reader of the Bill on the Commons amendments, and to help inform debate on the Commons amendments. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
- 3 These Explanatory Notes, like the Commons amendments themselves, refer to Bill 194, the Bill as first printed for the Commons.
- 4 These Explanatory Notes need to be read in conjunction with the Commons amendments and the text of the Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Commons amendments.
- 5 The Commons amendments were tabled in the name of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP.

Commentary on Commons Amendments

Commons Amendment to clause 16

Commons Amendment 1

- 6 Restrictions in Schedule 7B to the Government of Wales Act 2006 prevent the Senedd from removing, without the consent of the appropriate UK Government Minister, any function of a Minister of the Crown that is exercisable concurrently or jointly with the Welsh Ministers. This amendment would disapply the relevant restrictions in respect of the concurrent powers in the Bill, by adding the Professional Qualifications Bill, once enacted, to the lists of enactments in paragraph 11(6)(b) of Schedule 7B. This will allow the Senedd to alter the concurrent arrangements in future without needing the UK Government's consent.

Commons Amendment after clause 16

Commons Amendment 2

- 7 This amendment places a duty on the Secretary of State or Lord Chancellor to consult the devolved authorities before making regulations under the Bill that contain provision which could be made under the Bill by the devolved authorities themselves. The clause also sets out a requirement to publish a factual report on the consultation.

Commons Amendment to clause 21

Commons Amendment 3

- 8 This amendment removes the privilege amendment added to the Bill by the Lords.

Financial effects of Commons Amendments

- 9 The Department does not consider that any of the Commons amendments give rise to any significant expenditure.

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