

Sporting Events Bill [HL]

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*Tabled up to and including
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Clause 2

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 18, at end insert –

- “(5A) Regulations made by an appropriate national authority under this section may not have effect for a period that is longer than the specified period.
- (5B) In subsection (5A), the “specified period” means a period of time that must –
- (a) begin no earlier than the beginning of the period of 21 days ending immediately before the day on which the sporting event begins, and
 - (b) end no later than the end of the period of 5 days beginning with the day after the day on which the sporting event ends.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would establish a maximum period in which the sporting events framework can be implemented in relation to a particular event.

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 18, at end insert —

“(5A) Regulations made by an appropriate national authority under this section may not have effect for a period that is longer than 50 days.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment probes the maximum period in which the sporting events framework could be implemented in relation to a particular event.

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Clause 2, page 2, leave out lines 21 and 22

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that all regulations applying the sporting events framework are subject to the affirmative procedure.

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 23, leave out subsection (7)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that all regulations applying the sporting events framework are subject to the affirmative procedure.

Clause 3

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Clause 3, page 2, line 35, leave out “three” and insert “two”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment, and others in the name of Baroness Bonham-Carter, seek to challenge the Government's exclusion of certain sporting events, specifically those events which are regularly held in the UK, but may benefit from the provisions in this Bill.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Clause 3, page 2, line 35, leave out “three” and insert “four”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment, and others in the name of Baroness Bonham-Carter, adds a condition for Sporting Events to be covered by this Bill, to make the sporting event free to air.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Clause 3, page 2, line 38, leave out subsection (3)

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment, and others in the name of Baroness Bonham-Carter, seek to challenge the Government's exclusion of certain sporting events, specifically those events which are regularly held in the UK, but may benefit from the provisions in this Bill.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Clause 3, page 3, line 1, leave out "third" and insert "second"

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment, and others in the name of Baroness Bonham-Carter, seek to challenge the Government's exclusion of certain sporting events, specifically those events which are regularly held in the UK, but may benefit from the provisions in this Bill.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Clause 3, page 3, line 17, at end insert —

- “(7) The fourth condition is that the live coverage of the sporting event is made available —
- (a) free of charge to all persons in the United Kingdom with access to a television or internet-connected device, or
 - (b) on a platform licensed by Ofcom which is accessible without subscription to members of the public in the United Kingdom.”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment, and others in the name of Baroness Bonham-Carter, adds a condition for Sporting Events to be covered by this Bill, to make the sporting event free to air.

Clause 7LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Clause 7, page 4, after line 34, at end insert —

- “(2A) The ticket touting offence does not apply in relation to the sale of an event ticket in an auction conducted —
- (a) by a charity, or
 - (b) by a person other than a charity, provided that the proceeds of the event ticket's sale are given to a charity.
- (2B) In subsection (2A), “charity” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the Charities Act 2011.”

Schedule 1

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Schedule 1, page 23, line 20, at end insert—

“(4A) It is not an offence under this paragraph for a person (“A”) to advertise that an event ticket is available for purchase from another person (“B”) unless A knows, or ought to know, that B is touting an event ticket.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment mirrors a defence in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Act 2020 to ensure that the offence of advertising that an event ticket is available for purchase does not apply strict liability.

LORD ADDINGTON

★ Schedule 1, page 23, line 20, at end insert—

“(4A) An unauthorised ticketing activity includes—

- (a) reselling, or offering to resell, an event ticket at a price exceeding its face value amount;
- (b) reselling, or offering to resell, more event tickets than the person was entitled to purchase in the primary sale;
- (c) charging, through a ticket resale platform, a buyer a service fee, or a seller a combined commission and service fee, exceeding 10% of the face value amount;
- (d) charging a purchaser in the primary market a transaction fee exceeding 10% of the face price;
- (e) engaging in surge pricing;
- (f) operating a ticket resale platform that displays incorrect material information about an event ticket, or that fails to take reasonable steps to verify that a listed ticket exists, to prevent listings above face value or in excess of a seller's entitlement, or to remove non-compliant listings;
- (g) operating a ticket resale platform, in connection with the sporting event, without any licence required by ticket touting regulations.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment specifies the conduct covered by an unauthorised ticketing activity.

LORD ADDINGTON

★ Schedule 1, page 24, line 12, at end insert—

“(11) In this paragraph—

“face value amount”, in relation to an event ticket, means the price at which the ticket was originally sold in the primary market together with any unavoidable booking fee or service charge;

“face price” means the headline ticket price before any additional fees or charges;

“surge pricing” means increasing the price of a ticket, or the fees associated with purchasing it, in response to demand at the time of sale;

“ticket resale platform” means an online service that facilitates the sale or transfer of event tickets by persons other than the original ticket issuer.”

LORD ADDINGTON

- ★ Schedule 1, page 25, line 20, leave out “£20,000” and insert “an amount not exceeding 10% of the person’s annual global turnover”

Clause 9

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 9, page 6, line 22, at end insert –

- “(5) Where the regulations designate a person to grant advertising authorisations in relation to a sporting event, the regulations must require that person, in determining whether to grant an authorisation, to have regard to –
- (a) the impact of any proposed exclusive authorisation on small and medium-sized enterprises trading in or near the restricted advertising zone,
 - (b) the desirability of ensuring that local and small businesses have a reasonable opportunity to benefit from the sporting event,
 - (c) whether any proposed exclusive arrangement is proportionate to the legitimate commercial interests of the event organiser, and
 - (d) whether there has been reasonable and proportionate communication with small and medium-sized enterprises trading in or near the restricted advertising zones, of any exclusive authorisations.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that, in the case of exclusive advertising rights for a certain sporting event, small and medium-sized companies are not unfairly harmed.

Schedule 3

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

Schedule 3, page 32, line 34, leave out paragraph (d)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment probes why the trading offence will apply to charitable fundraising.

Schedule 4

LORD ADDINGTON

Schedule 4, page 37, line 26, at end insert –

- “(5A) The provisions of sub-paragraph (1) are not breached by the use of a representation by the holder of a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 if –
- (a) the representation is used solely for the purpose of indicating to members of the public that the licensed premises will be screening or broadcasting the sporting event,
 - (b) the use of the representation does not suggest, expressly or by implication, that the licensed premises is an official sponsor of, or otherwise commercially associated with, the sporting event or its organiser, or
 - (c) the representation has previously been used for a continued amount of time, independently of the sporting event taking place.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that, in the case of a sporting event being hosted in an area where a small or medium-sized enterprise's (SME) pre-existing advertising may conflict with an advertising provision as laid out in this Bill, that SME is protected proportionately.

Clause 24

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

Clause 24, page 18, line 5, at end insert –

- ““sporting event” means any contest, match, race, game, or other competitive or demonstrative activity of a sporting nature, or any associated events, including –
- (a) any qualifying round, semi-final, or final forming part of a tournament;
 - (b) any opening or closing ceremony of such a tournament;
 - (c) any fan zone, official viewing area, or ancillary public event designated by the appropriate national authority as forming part of the sporting event;
 - (d) any cultural event affiliated to the sporting event.”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to insert in the Bill a definition of a sporting event which would include cultural events affiliated to a sporting event, for instance the Cultural Olympiad.

After Clause 24

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

After Clause 24, insert the following new Clause—

“Duty to maintain capacity and capability to bid for major sporting events

- (1) The Secretary of State must maintain the capacity and capability of His Majesty’s Government to bid for, or to support a bid for, the right to host major sporting events in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The duty under subsection (1) is a continuing duty and must be discharged on a rolling basis.
- (3) In discharging that duty the Secretary of State must, in particular, maintain—
 - (a) the expertise, personnel and other resources reasonably required to identify, develop and pursue opportunities to host major sporting events;
 - (b) arrangements for engaging with international and domestic sporting bodies, host cities or regions and potential bidding partners;
 - (c) the capability to assess the likely social, economic, environmental and other benefits and costs of hosting a major sporting event.
- (4) So far as the duty relates to a major sporting event that would take place wholly or partly in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State must exercise functions under this Part in consultation with the relevant devolved authority.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment creates a duty on the Government to maintain the capacity and capability to bid for, or to support a bid for, the right to host major sporting events in the United Kingdom.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

After Clause 24, insert the following new Clause—

“Bidding strategy

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare and publish a strategy (a “bidding strategy”) setting out how the Secretary of State intends to discharge the duty in section (Duty to maintain capacity and capability to bid for major sporting events).
- (2) A bidding strategy must, in particular, address—
 - (a) the kinds of major sporting event for which bids are to be prioritised;
 - (b) how capacity and capability are to be maintained on a rolling basis;
 - (c) how the Secretary of State will work with the devolved authorities, local authorities and sporting bodies;
 - (d) the financial and other resources to be made available.
- (3) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) review the bidding strategy at least once in each period of three years, and

- (b) revise and republish the strategy as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (4) Before preparing or revising a bidding strategy the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the devolved authorities, and
 - (b) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay each bidding strategy, and each revision of it, before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment creates a bidding framework and related provisions, which have the effect of ensuring the Government is able to bid for sporting events that may be covered by this legislation, and to be transparent on bidding processes, including through reports to Parliament.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

After Clause 24, insert the following new Clause—

“Annual report on bidding

- (1) The Secretary of State must, in respect of each financial year, prepare a report on the discharge of the duty in section (*Duty to maintain capacity and capability to bid for major sporting events*) during that year.
- (2) The report must, in particular, include—
 - (a) a summary of the bids made or supported, and of the opportunities pursued, during the year;
 - (b) an assessment of the capacity and capability maintained under that section;
 - (c) details of expenditure incurred in discharging the duty.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay each report before Parliament as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of the financial year to which it relates.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require that the Government produces an annual report to Parliament concerning their compliance with another new clause in the name of Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury which requires the Government maintain the capacity and capability to bid for, or to support a bid for, the right to host major sporting events in the United Kingdom. .

Clause 25

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 25, page 19, line 15, at end insert—

- “(1A) The appropriate national authority may, in connection with a sporting event, set expectations as to the investment to be made by relevant organisations in—
 - (a) grassroots sporting venues or organisations, and

- (b) participation in sport at grassroots level, including community sporting projects and facilities.
- (1B) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may, in particular, be given subject to conditions requiring the recipient to make, or to secure that another person makes, investment of a kind mentioned in subsection (1A)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in Lord Addington's name, enables the appropriate national authority to set expectations on event organisers and others who benefit commercially from a sporting event to invest in grassroots sport and community participation, and to make financial assistance under Clause 25 conditional on such investment.

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 25, page 19, line 35, at end insert –

““grassroots sporting venue or organisation” means a venue, club, association or other organisation that provides facilities or opportunities for participation in sport otherwise than at an elite or professional level, including a community amateur sports club;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in Lord Addington's name, makes clear that financial assistance under Clause 25 may be given to grassroots sporting venues and organisations, including to support participation in sport at grassroots level. This amendment specifically, defines “grassroots sporting venue or organisation” for the purposes of Clause 25.

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 25, page 19, line 35, at end insert –

““relevant organisation” means a person who organises or hosts the sporting event, or who derives a significant commercial benefit from it.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in Lord Addington's name, enables the appropriate national authority to set expectations on event organisers and others who benefit commercially from a sporting event to invest in grassroots sport and community participation, and to make financial assistance under Clause 25 conditional on such investment.

After Clause 25

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Review of Government’s economic policies on the hosting of major sporting events

Within the period of six months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must prepare, publish and lay before Parliament, a report assessing the impact of His Majesty’s Government’s economic policies on the ability of the United Kingdom to attract and host major sporting events.”

LORD ADDINGTON

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Accommodation strategy for major sporting events

- (1) Regulations under section 2 which apply the sporting events framework to a sporting event may require the appropriate national authority to publish, or require another person to publish, an accommodation strategy for the sporting event.
- (2) An accommodation strategy is a document setting out –
 - (a) an assessment of the accommodation needs of persons attending or participating in the sporting event,
 - (b) the steps to be taken to ensure that sufficient accommodation is available to meet those needs at a range of price points, and
 - (c) any measures proposed to prevent excessive pricing of accommodation in connection with the sporting event.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to ascertain how the Government will make proper provision of accommodation when hosting the major sporting event.

LORD ADDINGTON

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Infrastructure strategy for major sporting events

- (1) Regulations under section 2 which apply the sporting events framework to a sporting event may require the appropriate national authority to publish, or require another person to publish, an infrastructure strategy for the sporting event.
- (2) An infrastructure strategy is a document setting out –
 - (a) an assessment of the infrastructure needs of persons attending or participating in the sporting event,

- (b) the steps to be taken to ensure that sufficient infrastructure is available to meet those needs at a range of price points, and
 - (c) any measures proposed to prevent excessive pricing of infrastructure in connection with the sporting event.
- (3) In this section, reference to infrastructure includes—
 - (a) internet services;
 - (b) energy infrastructure;
 - (c) water industry;
 - (d) waste services;
 - (e) health service.”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to ascertain how the Government will make proper provision of various infrastructure forms when hosting the major sporting event.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause—

“Free-to-watch broadcasting of supported sporting events

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State provides financial assistance under section 25 in respect of a sporting event.
- (2) As a condition of any financial assistance given under section 25, the Secretary of State must require the recipient to take all reasonable steps to ensure that live coverage of the sporting event is made available—
 - (a) free of charge to all persons in the United Kingdom with access to a television or internet-connected device, or
 - (b) on a platform licensed by Ofcom which is accessible without subscription to members of the public in the United Kingdom.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that recipients of financial assistance for a sporting event under Clause 25 are required to take steps to ensure broadcasting of that event is available on free to watch broadcasting.

LORD YOUNG OF ACTON

★ After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause—

“Limitation of football banning orders

After section 14J of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (offences) insert—

“14K Banning orders: protection of freedom of expression

Nothing in this Act shall be read, or give effect, in a way which prohibits or restricts expressions of antipathy, dislike, ridicule, insult or abuse that does not incite violence or disorder.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is intended to ensure that behaviour at sporting events which is fleeting, non-violent and part of the charged, emotional atmosphere of live sport does not lead to the imposition of football banning orders.

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