

Sporting Events Bill [HL]

SECOND MARSHALLED

LIST OF AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

The amendments have been marshalled in accordance with the Instruction of 3rd June 2026, as follows –

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[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

**Amendment
No.**

Schedule 4

LORD ADDINGTON

58 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.

After Clause 17

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

58A After Clause 17, insert the following new Clause –

“Transfer schemes

- (1) If the Secretary of State thinks it expedient in order to enable a delivery authority established under this Act to carry out its functions, the Secretary of State may make a transfer scheme.
- (2) In this section “transfer scheme” means a scheme providing for the transfer to the delivery authority of specified property, rights and liabilities of another public body at a time specified in the scheme.
- (3) A direction of the Secretary of State under subsection (2) shall specify a date by which the transfer scheme is to be submitted.
- (4) Regulations under Schedule 1 which establish a delivery authority for a sporting event may make consequential provision in relation to any transfer schemes.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

58B After Clause 17, insert the following new Clause –

“Dissolution

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make provision for the dissolution of a delivery authority established under this Act.
- (2) An order under this section may, in particular –
 - (a) provide for the transfer of property, rights or liabilities of a delivery authority to –
 - (i) the Secretary of State, or
 - (ii) any other person;
 - (b) make provision enabling a person to receive anything transferred under paragraph (a) (and that provision shall have effect despite any other enactment or instrument);
 - (c) establish a body corporate;
 - (d) make consequential, incidental or transitional provision which may, in particular –

- (i) provide for anything done by or in relation to a delivery authority to have effect as if done by or in relation to another person;
 - (ii) permit anything (which may include legal proceedings) which is in the process of being done by or in relation to a delivery authority when a transfer takes effect, to be continued by or in relation to another person;
 - (iii) provide for a reference to a delivery authority in an instrument or other document to be treated as a reference to another person;
 - (iv) amend an enactment.
- (3) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State shall consult such persons as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State may not make an order under this section providing for the transfer of property, rights or liabilities to a person unless the person has consented to the transfer.
- (5) An order under this section –
 - (a) may transfer rights and liabilities relating to employees, but
 - (b) shall not affect the operation of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981.
- (6) The Secretary of State may not make an order by virtue of subsection (5)(a) unless satisfied that sufficient notice has been given to enable compliance with any applicable requirement of those regulations.
- (7) An order under this section –
 - (a) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall not be made unless a draft has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

Schedule 5

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

59 Schedule 5, page 42, line 3, at end insert –

- “(2A) A plan prepared under this Schedule must –
- (a) have regard to sustainable modes of transport, including public transport, walking and cycling,
 - (b) aim to minimise greenhouse gas emissions associated with travel to and from sporting events, and
 - (c) include arrangements for admission tickets to a sporting event to confer entitlement to travel on specified public transport services serving the event.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that transport plans for sporting events promote public transport and other sustainable modes of travel and seek to minimise transport-related emissions, and include

integrated ticketing arrangements allowing spectators to travel on public transport using their event tickets.

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

60 Schedule 5, page 42, line 35, at end insert—

- “(9) A plan under sub-paragraph (1) where the event is expected to attract 50,000 or more attendees on a single day must include—
- (a) a digital simulation model of anticipated crowd and traffic flows, validated against comparable event data,
 - (b) accessible route modelling specifying the routing available to attendees with mobility impairments,
 - (c) a real-time adaptation protocol that enables the relevant authority to implement AI-assisted adjustments to transport operations during the event, and
 - (d) a post-event data-sharing obligation requiring anonymised crowd and transport flow data to be provided to relevant local authorities within six months of the event's conclusion for legacy infrastructure planning purposes.”

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment requires digital twin modelling, which is now standard practice in infrastructure planning and was used, for example, in preparatory work for Euro 2024 in Germany.

After Schedule 5

LORD FOSTER OF BATH
LORD ADDINGTON

61 After Schedule 5, insert the following new Schedule—

“SCHEDULE

SPORTS RIGHTS PROVISIONS

- 1 (1) A sporting event betting licence is a licence issued by a sporting event controlling body which allows a gambling business to make use of information or data derived from or relating to a specified sporting event in the places, at the times and for the purposes specified in the licence.
- (2) A sporting event betting licence must—
 - (a) provide for the sharing of information between the sporting event controlling body and the gambling business for the purpose of protecting and supporting integrity in sports and betting services, and
 - (b) state any fee payable by the gambling business to the sporting event controlling body in respect of the facilities for gambling in relation to the sporting event.

- (3) A sporting event betting licence may prohibit betting on a particular contingency or class of contingencies in relation to a sporting event if the sporting event controlling body considers that betting on the contingency may expose the relevant sporting event or class of sporting event to unmanageable integrity risks.
- (4) A sporting event betting licence takes effect, and may be terminated, in accordance with its terms.
- 2 (1) It is an offence for a gambling business to offer facilities for gambling in relation to a sporting event unless it is licensed to do so by the relevant sporting event controlling body through a sporting event betting licence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable –
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding £50,000.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph in Scotland is liable –
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £20,000;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (4) Where a gambling business commits an offence under paragraph 1, the offence may also be investigated and the gambling business prosecuted by the Gambling Commission under section 28 of the Gambling Act 2005 as if the offence were an offence under that Act.
- (5) Where a gambling business has been found guilty of an offence under this paragraph, the conduct constituting the offence is actionable by the relevant sporting event controlling body, which may seek –
 - (a) an injunction, or in Scotland an interdict, requiring the provision of those facilities to cease;
 - (b) damages.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

61A After Schedule 5, insert the following new Schedule –

“SCHEDULE

DELIVERY AUTHORITY PROVISIONS

PART 1

ESTABLISHMENT

Establishment of a delivery authority

- 1 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument establish a delivery authority, to which the other provisions in this Schedule shall apply.
- (2) A delivery authority established under this Schedule is to be a body corporate.

- (3) The general functions of a delivery authority are to –
 - (a) prepare for the sporting event,
 - (b) make arrangements in preparation for or in connection with the use or management before, during or after the sporting events of premises and other facilities acquired, constructed or adapted in preparation for the sporting event,
 - (c) ensure that adequate arrangements are made for the provision, management and control of facilities for transport in connection with the sporting event, and
 - (d) ensure the safety of individuals participating in or attending the sporting event.
- (4) The regulations may –
 - (a) appoint a delivery authority as a local planning authority;
 - (b) apply the following provisions in relation to a delivery authority as they apply to an urban development corporation –
 - (i) section 149 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (power for Secretary of State to make order appointing urban development corporation as local planning authority), and
 - (ii) section 33 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (power for Secretary of State to disapply Part 2 of the Act to urban development corporation).
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Schedule may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

PART 2

CONSTITUTION

Membership

- 2 (1) The Secretary of State must –
 - (a) appoint the members of a delivery authority, and
 - (b) appoint one of the members as Chair.
- (2) The Secretary of State must aim to ensure that a delivery authority has neither less than 7 nor more than 11 members at any time.
- (3) In appointing members of a delivery authority the Secretary of State must have regard to the desirability of their having experience relevant to –
 - (a) the nature of a delivery authority's functions, and
 - (b) the places in relation to which they are likely to be exercised.

Tenure

- 3 (1) A person shall hold and vacate office as Chair or other member of a delivery authority in accordance with the terms of appointment (subject to this Schedule).

- (2) The Chair or another member of a delivery authority may resign by notice in writing to the Secretary of State.
- (3) The Chair or another member of a delivery authority may be removed from office by the Secretary of State on the grounds that the Secretary of State thinks that the Chair or other member is unable, unfit or unwilling to discharge the functions of the office.
- (4) A person who ceases, otherwise than by virtue of paragraph 3(3), to be Chair or another member of a delivery authority may be re-appointed.

Staff

- 4 (1) A delivery authority must appoint a chief executive.
- (2) A delivery authority –
 - (a) may not appoint a person as chief executive without the Secretary of State's approval, and
 - (b) may (subject to sub-paragraph (a)) appoint the Chair as chief executive.
- (3) A delivery authority must appoint a finance director.
- (4) A delivery authority may not appoint a person as finance director without the Secretary of State's approval.
- (5) A delivery authority may appoint a director of transport.
- (6) A delivery authority may not appoint a person as director of transport without the Secretary of State's approval.
- (7) A delivery authority may appoint other staff.

Committees

- 5 (1) A delivery authority may establish a committee.
- (2) A committee –
 - (a) must include a member of the delivery authority,
 - (b) may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, include one or more persons who are not members of the delivery authority, and
 - (c) may not include staff of the delivery authority.
- (3) A committee of a delivery authority may establish a sub-committee.
- (4) A sub-committee –
 - (a) must include a member of the delivery authority,
 - (b) must include a member of the committee that established the sub-committee,
 - (c) may include one or more members of other committees,
 - (d) may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, include one or more persons who are members neither of a committee of the delivery authority nor of the delivery authority, and
 - (e) may not include staff of the delivery authority.

Status

- 6 The Authority shall not be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.

PART 3

PROCEEDINGS

Delegation

- 7 A delivery authority may delegate a function to—
- (a) a member,
 - (b) an employee,
 - (c) a committee, or
 - (d) any other person.
- 8 Where a function is delegated to a committee, the committee may delegate it to—
- (a) a member of the delivery authority,
 - (b) an employee of the delivery authority,
 - (c) a member of the committee,
 - (d) a sub-committee, or
 - (e) any other person.

Secretary of State: guidance and directions

- 9 (1) In exercising its functions a delivery authority must—
- (a) have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) comply with any direction given by the Secretary of State.
- (2) A direction may, in particular—
- (a) require the delivery authority to accept or assume specified duties, rights or liabilities under contracts,
 - (b) require the delivery authority to obtain the Secretary of State's consent before taking action of a specified kind,
 - (c) require the delivery authority to provide information,
 - (d) relate to the employment of staff, or
 - (e) with the consent of the Treasury, relate to—
 - (i) the form of accounts, or
 - (ii) methods and principles for the preparation of accounts.

Self-regulation

- 10 A delivery authority may, subject to this Schedule—
- (a) regulate its own procedure and that of its own committees and sub-committees (and in particular may specify a quorum for meetings), and

- (b) enable committees and sub-committees to regulate their own procedure (including, in particular, the specification of a quorum for meetings) subject to any provision made by the delivery authority.

Conflict of interests

- 11 A member or employee of a delivery authority who is involved in the exercise of the delivery authority's functions in relation to land may not participate in deliberations or decisions of the delivery authority acting as a local planning authority in relation to that land.

Reporting

- 12 (1) The Secretary of State may require a delivery authority to submit a report on the exercise of the delivery authority's functions at any time.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a copy of each report received under this paragraph.

Saving

- 13 The validity of proceedings of a delivery authority, a committee or a sub-committee is not to be affected by –
- (a) a vacancy among its members, or
 - (b) a defect in the appointment of a person as Chair or member.
- 14 The Secretary of State may by order make any consequential provision to this Schedule as is necessary.

PART 4

MONEY

Income

- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may give financial assistance to a delivery authority if he thinks that other sources of financial assistance will or may be insufficient for a purpose.
- (2) Financial assistance under sub-paragraph (1) –
- (a) may take the form of grants, loans, guarantees or indemnities, and
 - (b) may be given on conditions (which may include conditions about repayment with or without interest).
- 16 A delivery authority may accept gifts.
- 17 The power under paragraph 15 may only be exercised if the House of Commons has approved the financial assistance by resolution.

Remuneration etc.

- 18 (1) A delivery authority may pay to the Chair, another member or a member of a committee or sub-committee –

- (a) such remuneration as the Secretary of State may determine, and
 - (b) such travelling and other allowances as the Secretary of State may determine.
 - (2) A delivery authority may pay to or in respect of the Chair or another member such sums as the Secretary of State may determine by way of, or in respect of, pensions, allowances or gratuities.
 - (3) If the Secretary of State thinks that there are special circumstances that make it right for a person ceasing to hold office as Chair or member of a delivery authority to receive compensation, the delivery authority may pay to the person such compensation as the Secretary of State may determine.
- 19 The delivery authority may pay sums to or in respect of a member or former member of staff by way of or in respect of –
- (a) remuneration,
 - (b) allowances,
 - (c) pensions,
 - (d) gratuities, or
 - (e) compensation for loss of employment.”

Clause 18

LORD ADDINGTON

- 62 Clause 18, page 11, line 34, leave out “the Competition and Markets Authority” and insert “National Trading Standards”

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

- 63 Clause 18, page 12, line 26, at end insert –
- “(11) Each enforcement authority must, not later than six months after the conclusion of a qualifying event in respect of which it has exercised functions under this section, publish an equalities enforcement report including –
- (a) the total number of fixed penalty notices issued under Schedules 2 and 3, disaggregated by protected characteristic to the extent that data is available and disclosure is consistent with data protection legislation,
 - (b) data on enforcement actions taken in areas proximate to community venues and residential areas,
 - (c) any impact analysis conducted under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 in relation to enforcement activity, and
 - (d) the steps taken or proposed in response to any disparate impact identified by that analysis.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment proposes a post-event reporting cycle for reporting fixed penalty notices under Schedules 2 and 3 and is intended to address any risk of disparate application across communities.

Clause 22

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

64 Clause 22, page 15, line 26, at end insert —

- “(2A) Guidance published under subsection (2) relating to ticket touting must include an AI monitoring framework specifying —
- (a) technical standards for automated detection of bot-assisted ticket acquisition,
 - (b) requirements for real-time surveillance of secondary ticketing platforms during the period in which regulations under section 5 are in force,
 - (c) standards for the generation and preservation of algorithmic audit trails in a form admissible as evidence in financial penalty proceedings under Schedule 1, Part 2, and
 - (d) a process for periodic review of the framework, not less frequently than every two years, to account for developments in AI-assisted touting techniques.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires ticket touting guidance to address AI-assisted enforcement and to create evidential standards for audit trails that seeks to ensure that the penalty regime is enforceable.

Clause 24LORD FOSTER OF BATH
LORD ADDINGTON

65 Clause 24, page 17, line 15, at end insert —

- ““facilities for gambling” has the same meaning as in section 5 of the Gambling Act 2005;
- “gambling business” means a business which requires one or more operating licences within the meaning of section 65 of the Gambling Act 2005 or, if the business is not established in England and Wales or in Scotland, would require such a licence if it were so established;”

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY
LORD ADDINGTON

66 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.

LORD FOSTER OF BATH
LORD ADDINGTON

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

““sporting event betting licence” means a licence complying with the provisions of Schedule (*Sports rights provisions*), paragraph 1;

“sporting event controlling body” means, in relation to a sport, the relevant governing body of the sport or another body responsible for and controlling the organisation and management of a sporting event;

“the sports rights offence” means an offence under Schedule (*Sports rights provisions*), paragraph 1;

“the sports rights provisions” has the meaning given in section 1(2)(f);”

Clause 25

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

68 Clause 25, page 19, line 11, at the beginning insert “Subject to subsection (4A),”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and another to Clause 25 in the name of Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay would require Parliamentary consent before financial assistance can be granted.

LORD ADDINGTON
BARONESS SATER
BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

69 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.

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

As an amendment to Amendment 69

70 After subsection (1A)(b) insert –

- “(c) measures to improve the resilience of sporting infrastructure against the impacts of climate change, including flooding, extreme weather and heat.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment adds climate resilience to the list of considerations to be made by national authorities providing financial assistance to sporting events.

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

71 Clause 25, page 19, line 27, at end insert –

- “(3A) Where financial assistance under subsection (1) exceeds £1,000,000 in aggregate to a single recipient, the national authority must not provide that assistance unless satisfied that the recipient has published, and committed to comply with, an environmental, social and governance impact compliance plan including –
- (a) a net-zero transport and logistics strategy for the event,
 - (b) confirmation that all supply-chain contractors are paid not less than the real living wage,
 - (c) gender pay gap reporting compliant with the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/172) and disabled persons and ethnicity pay gap reporting, and
 - (d) establishing a community legacy fund of not less than 1% of the total grant value, to be disbursed to community organisations in affected localities within 24 months of the event's conclusion.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment creates an ESG requirement for those events in receipt of financial assistance. The requirement is set for recipients of above a £1,000,000 threshold to avoid burdening smaller recipients.

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

72 Clause 25, page 19, line 30, at end insert —

“(4A) The power under subsection (1) may only be exercised if the appropriate legislature has approved the financial assistance by resolution.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and another to Clause 25 in the name of Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay would require Parliamentary consent before financial assistance can be granted.

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

73 Clause 25, page 19, line 31, at end insert —

““the appropriate legislature” means —

- (a) in relation to a sporting event, or part of a sporting event, held in England, the House of Commons;
- (b) in relation to a sporting event, or part of a sporting event, held in Scotland, the Scottish Parliament;
- (c) in relation to a sporting event, or part of a sporting event, held in Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Assembly;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defines terms for the other amendments in the name of Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay which require Parliamentary consent before financial assistance can be granted.

LORD ADDINGTON

74 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

75 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

76 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

77 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

78 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
 BARONESS DAVIES OF DEVONPORT
 LORD ADDINGTON

79 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.

BARONESS BONHAM-CARTER OF YARNBURY
LORD ADDINGTON

80 After Clause 25, 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
LORD ADDINGTON

81 After Clause 25, 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
LORD ADDINGTON

82 After Clause 25, 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.

LORD YOUNG OF ACTON

83 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

In relation to sporting events to which the Sporting Events Act 2026 applies, or banning orders that result from offences under the Sporting Events Act 2026, nothing in this Act shall be read, or given effect, in a way which prohibits or restricts expressions of antipathy, dislike, ridicule, insult or abuse that do 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.

LORD FULLER
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

84 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause—

“Disapplication of guaranteed hours provisions for sporting events

- (1) This section applies where the appropriate national authority has applied one or more parts of the sporting events framework to a sporting event.
- (2) Where this section applies, the provisions mentioned in subsection (3) do not apply in relation to an employer who employs a worker at an event that is to be treated as forming a part of the sporting event.
- (3) The provisions are—
 - (a) the following provisions of the Employment Rights Act 1996—
 - (i) sections 27BA to 27BI,
 - (ii) sections 27BJ to 27BO,
 - (iii) sections 27BP to 27BU,
 - (iv) section 27BV and Schedule A1,
 - (v) sections 27BW to 27BZ, and
 - (b) Schedule 2 of the Employment Rights Act 2025.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment disapplies the provisions of the Employment Rights Act 2025 which require an employee to give a worker on a zero hours contract guaranteed hours when a worker is working at a sporting event to which the sporting events framework has been applied.

BARONESS DAVIES OF DEVONPORT

85 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause—

“Duty to ensure single-sex competitions and facilities

- (1) Where an appropriate national authority has applied one or more parts of the sporting events framework to a sporting event, the persons mentioned in subsection (2) must take all reasonable steps to comply with the duties in subsections (3) and (4) in relation to that sporting event.
- (2) The persons mentioned in subsection (1) are—
 - (a) the appropriate national authority that has made the regulations applying the sporting events framework to the sporting event,
 - (b) the organiser of the sporting event, and
 - (c) any other public authority providing services to the sporting event.
- (3) The duty in this subsection is that, where the rules of a sporting competition are framed by reference to the gender or sex of the participants, that reference must be to biological sex.
- (4) The duty in this subsection is that there must be adequate provision of single sex sporting facilities for participants of the sporting event.
- (5) The provision of single sex sporting facilities is to be considered as adequate for the purposes of subsection (4) if sporting facilities that are provided for the sporting event are segregated on the basis of biological sex.
- (6) In this section—

“biological sex” means sex as determined by sex at birth, being only male or female, and references to “male” and “female” are to be construed accordingly;

“participant” means any person who participates in a sporting competition that is a part of the sporting event;

“sporting facilities” means any facility that is used by participants of a sporting event in connection with the sporting event.”

BARONESS SATER

86 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause—

“Review of the impact of future potential changes to the Care Quality Commission mandate relating to sporting events

Within one month of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must publish an assessment of the impact of proposals to remove the exemptions of sporting events from Care Quality Commission regulations on sporting events.”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to ascertain what assessment the Government has made of the impact of the proposed Care Quality Commission regulation on healthcare services provided by sports events.

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

87 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Sustainability reporting

- (1) The organiser of a sporting event to which this Act applies must prepare and publish two reports on the environmental impacts associated with the event.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include information on —
 - (a) greenhouse gas emissions associated with the event;
 - (b) transport-related emissions;
 - (c) waste generation and recycling;
 - (d) measures taken to reduce environmental impacts;
- (3) The first report must be published before the event and the second report must be published no later than 12 months after the conclusion of the event.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make provision about the form and content of reports under this section.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require organisers of sporting events covered by this Act to report publicly on the environmental impacts of those events before and after.

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

88 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Climate and sustainability duty

In exercising functions under this Act, the Secretary of State and event organisers must have regard to —

- (a) minimising greenhouse gas emissions associated with sporting events,
- (b) the promotion of sustainable transport for use in relation to sporting events,
- (c) the reduction of waste and resource consumption associated with sporting events, and
- (d) the United Kingdom’s climate and environmental targets.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would place a duty on the Secretary of State and event organisers to have regard to climate and environmental objectives when exercising functions under the Act.

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

89 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Accessible ticketing quota duty

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations made by statutory instrument specify the minimum percentage of tickets for each session of a sporting event to which this Act applies that must be reserved for groups including, but not limited to –
 - (a) local charities;
 - (b) local disabled persons’ organisations;
 - (c) children of school age from the local area.
- (2) The minimum percentage of tickets specified by regulations under subsection (1) must be not less than 5% of total capacity.
- (3) The costs of those tickets must be funded from that portion of the highest priced tickets for that event.
- (4) Regulations made under this section are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.”

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment sets criteria for accessible ticketing quotas including for local charities and local children of school age.

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

90 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Exclusion of registered charities

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), nothing in this Act applies to a registered charity within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011 in respect of any activity carried out in furtherance of its charitable purposes.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where a registered charity –
 - (a) acts as a commercial agent for or on behalf of a person who is not a registered charity,
 - (b) carries out an activity under an arrangement the primary purpose of which is to confer a commercial benefit on a third party, or
 - (c) holds a ticketing authorisation under Part 1 in its own right for commercial resale purposes.
- (3) Where a registered charity carries out activities falling both within and outside the provisions of subsection (1), only those activities falling outside subsection (1) remain subject to the provisions of this Act, and the charity must maintain records sufficient to demonstrate that separation to the satisfaction of the relevant enforcement authority.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations –

- (a) specify descriptions of charitable activity that are or are not to be treated as falling within subsection (1);
 - (b) impose conditions on the availability of the exclusion in subsection (1) for charities with annual income exceeding a threshold specified in the regulations;
 - (c) require registered charities relying on subsection (1) to notify the relevant enforcement authority of that reliance within a period specified in the regulations.
- (5) In this section “registered charity” means –
- (a) a charity registered in England and Wales under section 30 of the Charities Act 2011;
 - (b) a charity entered in the Scottish Charity Register under section 3 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005;
 - (c) a charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 16 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative resolution procedure.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment creates a general exclusion from the Act's provisions for registered charities acting in furtherance of their charitable purposes, with targeted safeguards against avoidance and a delegated power to manage edge cases.

LORD HARLECH

91 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to clear up waste after Sporting Event

- (1) This section applies where an appropriate national authority has applied one or more parts of the sporting events framework to a sporting event.
- (2) Where this section applies, the relevant local authority must comply with the duty in subsection (3) in relation to that sporting event.
- (3) The duty in this subsection is that the relevant local authority must take all reasonable measures to ensure that any relevant place is –
 - (a) kept clear of all litter and refuse during and after the sporting event,
 - (b) kept clean during the sporting event, and
 - (c) clean at the conclusion of the sporting event.
- (4) The duty in subsection (3) also applies to any public procession or public assembly that occurs in connection with the sporting event or a part of the sporting event.
- (5) In this section –
 - “public assembly” means an assembly of 2 or more persons in a public place which is wholly or partly open to the air;
 - “public procession” means a procession in a public place;

“relevant local authority” means any local authority which has responsibility for the provision of one or more services in a relevant place;

“relevant place” means any land or highway located in an area in which a sporting event, or part of a sporting event, is held.”

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

92 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Mandatory social value assessment before framework activation

- (1) Social benefits under section (3)(5)(b) must be demonstrated by a social value impact assessment published by the appropriate national authority not less than 12 weeks before regulations are made under section 2 (application of framework to major sporting events).
- (2) The social value impact assessment must include —
 - (a) an equalities impact assessment under the Public Sector Equality Duty,
 - (b) an environmental footprint assessment,
 - (c) community engagement undertaken with affected local authorities and resident groups,
 - (d) a digital inclusion plan for fans unable to attend in person, and
 - (e) a legacy outcomes framework specifying measurable targets to be reported on within three years of the event's conclusion.
- (3) Before making regulations under section 2 (application of framework to major sporting events) the appropriate national authority must —
 - (a) publish a response to any representations received during the 12-week period, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the social value impact assessment before both Houses of Parliament or the relevant devolved legislature.”

Member's explanatory statement

The current social or economic benefits test in section 3(5)(b) has no procedural mechanism for scrutiny. This amendment introduces a duty to produce a social value impact assessment and to lay a copy of it before both Houses of Parliament.

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

93 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Post-quantum cryptography standard for digital authorisations

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify post-quantum cryptographic standards that digital communications required to be in writing under this Act must meet.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may require that digital ticketing authorisations, association authorisations, enforcement notices, and any other communication

required to be in writing that is transmitted or stored in a digital form must meet post-quantum cryptographic standards.

- (3) In specifying standards under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must have regard to —
 - (a) current NCSC guidance on post-quantum cryptography,
 - (b) standards published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology,
 - (c) the timetable for quantum computing capability relevant to the security of the systems in question.
- (4) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.”

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment inserts a delegated power, with NCSC and NIST as reference standards, which is intended to future-proof the framework without requiring immediate implementation.

LORD WHITTY
BARONESS BOYCOTT

94

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Adaptation reporting: designated sports bodies

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, give a direction under section 62(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008 (directions by Secretary of State to prepare reports) to the —
 - (a) United Kingdom Sports Council, and
 - (b) English Sports Council,
 requiring them to prepare reports under that section in relation to sporting events to which this Act applies.
- (2) A direction given under subsection (1) must require that the reports include —
 - (a) an assessment of the current and projected impacts of climate change on the major sporting events and sporting infrastructure within the body’s remit in relation to sporting events to which this Act applies;
 - (b) proposals for adapting to those impacts.
- (3) Reports prepared under this section must be published publicly and be accessible online.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require UK Sport and Sport England to report under the climate adaptation reporting section of the Climate Change Act, on the current and likely future impact of climate change on their activities relevant to the Bill.

LORD WHITTY
BARONESS BOYCOTT

95 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Environmental sustainability and climate resilience

- (1) In exercising functions under this Act, and when producing strategies relating to major sporting events to which this Act applies, the Secretary of State must have regard to the need to —
 - (a) promote environmental sustainability in the planning, delivery and legacy of major sporting events, and
 - (b) ensure that major sporting events are resilient to the current and future impacts of climate change.
- (2) In carrying out the duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consider —
 - (a) the efficient use of energy and water,
 - (b) the management of waste,
 - (c) the minimisation of carbon emissions associated with major sporting events,
 - (d) the protection and enhancement of biodiversity,
 - (e) the assessment of climate-related risks to event infrastructure, participants and spectators, and
 - (f) transport for participants and spectators.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish guidance on how the matters in subsections (1) and (2) will be reflected in —
 - (a) the framework established under this Act; and
 - (b) any major events strategy published by a government department in relation to sporting events to which this Act applies.
- (4) Guidance under subsection (3) must be laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Government to include climate adaptation alongside other issues in the Major Events Strategy they have said they will be publish in due course, in relation to sporting events to which this Act applies.

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

96 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Duty to produce a cyber resilience plan

- (1) The Secretary of State may direct a qualifying person to maintain and share a cyber resilience plan compliant with National Cyber Security Guidance for a sporting event to which this Act applies.
- (2) A “qualifying person” means a person who the Secretary of State considers competent to prepare such a plan.

- (3) The cyber resilience plan must include details of—
 - (a) the transport management and crowd-flow systems,
 - (b) the digital ticketing and access-control infrastructure, and
 - (c) the technology used to process personal data of spectators or participants.
- (4) A cyber resilience plan under subsection (1) must be reviewed and updated at least every 12 months and following any material change to the systems it covers.”

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment gives the Secretary of State powers to direct a qualifying person to produce and maintain a cyber resilience plan for a sporting event.

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