

Armed Forces Bill

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*Tabled up to and including
27 August 2026*

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Clause 2

BARONESS FRASER OF CRAIGMADDIE
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 13, at end insert “and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and three others in the name of Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie seek to include Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel within the statutory provisions of the Armed Forces Covenant.

BARONESS FRASER OF CRAIGMADDIE
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 16, after “forces” insert “and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and three others in the name of Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie seek to include Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel within the statutory provisions of the Armed Forces Covenant.

BARONESS FRASER OF CRAIGMADDIE
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 19, at end insert “and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and three others in the name of Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie seek to include Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel within the statutory provisions of the Armed Forces Covenant.

BARONESS FRASER OF CRAIGMADDIE
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Clause 2, page 2, line 21, after “forces” insert “and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and three others in the name of Baroness Fraser of Craigmaddie seek to include Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel within the statutory provisions of the Armed Forces Covenant.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 2, page 2, line 25, leave out “national authority” and insert “public authority”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and the others to Clause 2 in the name of Baroness Goldie, would expand the application of the armed forces covenant to include all public bodies and authorities, particularly NDPBs and publicly owned companies.

LORD HARLECH

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Clause 2, page 3, line 22, at end insert —

“343AZAA Duty to identify service people

- (1) This section applies where, and so far as, a person specified in section 343AZA(4) exercises a public function which relates to a relevant matter in relation to that person.
- (2) The person must make arrangements to establish and record whether an individual in relation to whom the function is exercised is a service person.
- (3) The arrangements must enable the individual to state which of the descriptions in section 343B(1) applies to them, and in particular whether they are a current member of the reserve forces, and to correct or update that information.
- (4) No individual is required to answer, and a refusal to answer must not affect any entitlement to, or the provision of, any service.

- (5) The Secretary of State must, after consulting the Welsh Ministers, the Scottish Ministers and the relevant Northern Ireland department, issue guidance about arrangements under this section, including the form of words to be used; and a person specified in section 343AZA(4) must have regard to that guidance.
- (6) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an annual report on the operation of this section.
- (7) In this section “service person” means a person falling within the definition of “service people” in section 343B(1).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require bodies subject to the covenant duty in Clause 2 to ask and record whether an individual belongs to the armed forces community, distinguishing current reserve service from veteran status. Answering would remain voluntary.

LORD HARLECH

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Clause 2, page 3, line 22, at end insert —

“343AZAA Health bodies: fitness of members of the reserve forces

- (1) This section applies where a health body exercises a public function relating to health and social care in relation to an individual who is a member of the reserve forces.
- (2) The health body must have due regard to the need for that individual to attain and maintain the standards of medical and dental fitness required for the purposes of a call-out order or a recall order, and to the consequences of any delay for that individual’s availability for service under Part 6 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (call out for permanent service).
- (3) Nothing in this section requires a health body to provide any assessment, examination or treatment otherwise than in accordance with clinical need; but where two or more individuals are of equivalent clinical priority, subsection (2) may be taken into account.
- (4) The Defence Council must publish the standards referred to in subsection (2) in such manner as it thinks appropriate.
- (5) The Secretary of State must, after consulting the Welsh Ministers, the Scottish Ministers and the relevant Northern Ireland department, issue guidance about the operation of this section, to which a health body must have regard.
- (6) In this section “health body” has the meaning given by section 343AZB(5) and “member of the reserve forces” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require health bodies to have due regard to a reservist’s need to meet the medical and dental fitness standards for mobilisation. Clinical need continues to govern, and

subsection (3) permits the matter to be weighed only as between patients of equivalent clinical priority. The Bill expands liability to call-out and recall, which assumes those concerned are fit to serve.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 2, page 3, line 23, leave out ““national authority”” and insert ““public authority””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and the others to Clause 2 in the name of Baroness Goldie, would expand the application of the armed forces covenant to include all public bodies and authorities, particularly NDPBs and publicly owned companies.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 2, page 3, line 25, leave out ““National authority”” and insert ““Public authority””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and the others to Clause 2 in the name of Baroness Goldie, would expand the application of the armed forces covenant to include all public bodies and authorities, particularly NDPBs and publicly owned companies.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert —

- “(e) a publicly owned company;
- (f) a non-departmental public body;
- (g) any other person certain of whose functions are functions of a public nature.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and the others to Clause 2 in the name of Baroness Goldie, would expand the application of the armed forces covenant to include all public bodies and authorities, particularly NDPBs and publicly owned companies.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 2, page 5, line 41, at end insert —

- ““non-departmental public body” means a body corporate that is not regarded as a servant or agent of the Crown but which carries out functions of a public nature;

“publicly owned company” means a company that is —

- (a) wholly owned by the Crown,
- (b) wholly owned by the wider public sector, or
- (c) wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and the others to Clause 2 in the name of Baroness Goldie, would expand the application of the armed forces covenant to include all public bodies and authorities, particularly NDPBs and publicly owned companies.

After Clause 2

LORD MORSE

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause —

“Independent review

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint an independent authority to review the operation and effectiveness of section 2 and to receive representations from individuals who are affected by this Act.
- (2) The review must be completed within three years of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) A copy of the review must be laid before both Houses of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that there was an independent review of whether the specified persons have had due regard to the Armed Forces Covenant in taking decisions on specified matters.

LORD MORSE

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause —

“Annual report to Parliament

- (1) The Secretary of State must, in respect of each calendar year, lay before Parliament a report on the operation and effectiveness of the duties imposed by section 2.
- (2) A report must include —
 - (a) an assessment of whether members of the armed forces community continue to experience disadvantage arising from service life,
 - (b) an assessment of outcomes achieved by relevant public bodies in addressing such disadvantage,
 - (c) details of expenditure incurred in connection with the discharge of duties under section 2, and
 - (d) recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the duties imposed under section 2.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require annual parliamentary scrutiny of the effectiveness and cost of the Covenant duty.

LORD MORSE

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause —

“Impact assessment on local authorities

- (1) Before bringing section 2 into force, the Secretary of State must publish an assessment of the anticipated impact of the duties imposed by section 2 on local authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The assessment must include —
 - (a) expected administrative burdens,
 - (b) anticipated financial costs,
 - (c) staffing implications, and
 - (d) arrangements for reimbursement of additional expenditure.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that Parliament is informed of the practical and financial consequences for local authorities before additional duties imposed by Clause 2 take effect.

LORD MORSE

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause —

“New burdens principle

The Secretary of State must ensure that any additional expenditure reasonably incurred by a local authority in complying with duties imposed by section 2 is met by funding provided by the Secretary of State.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that new Covenant obligations are accompanied by appropriate funding.

Clause 3

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 3, page 7, line 26, at end insert —

- “(e) improving the satisfaction of service personnel and their families with the accommodation provided.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would create a new function for the Defence Housing Service of improving satisfaction for service personnel.

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Clause 3, page 8, line 24, at end insert —

“(aa) single living accommodation,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would add single living accommodation to the definition of defence housing to ensure that defence housing standards apply to single living accommodation as well as service family accommodation.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill

Member's explanatory statement

This is intended to probe why the Government wishes to create the Defence Housing Service as a non-departmental public body.

After Clause 3

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

After Clause 3, insert the following new Clause —

“Single living accommodation standards

In section 101 (the standard of MOD accommodation) of the Renters’ Rights Act 2025 —

- (a) after “service family accommodation”, in each place it occurs, insert “and single living accommodation”;
- (b) in subsection (10), after the definition of “service family accommodation” insert —

““single living accommodation” means any building or part of a building which is provided for the use of a person subject to service law or a civilian subject to service discipline as living accommodation, but which is not service family accommodation;”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause amends the Renters' Rights Act 2025 to ensure defence housing standards apply to single living accommodation.

Schedule 1

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Schedule 1, page 74, line 26, at end insert—

- “(4) The chief executive of the Defence Housing Service, once appointed, must report directly to the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, regarding the performance of the Defence Housing Service.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Chief Executive of the Defence Housing Service to report directly to the Minister of State for the Armed Forces regarding the performance of the Defence Housing Service.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Schedule 1, page 75, line 7, at end insert—

“Oversight board

- 9A (1) The Defence Housing Service is to have an oversight board.
- (2) The oversight board must consist of—
- (a) the Chief Executive,
 - (b) the Chair, and
 - (c) 12 members of His Majesty's Forces.
- (3) The members of His Majesty's Forces who are to be members of the oversight board must—
- (a) currently live, or have recently lived, in service family accommodation, and
 - (b) be selected in such a manner as specified in regulations made by the Defence Council.
- (4) The manner of selection that is prescribed in regulations under sub-paragraph (3)(b) must ensure that—
- (a) four members are currently serving in the army,
 - (b) four members are currently serving in the Royal Navy, and
 - (c) four members are currently serving in the Royal Air Force.
- (5) The function of the oversight board is to ensure that the views of service personnel living in service family accommodation are represented to the Defence Housing Service.
- (6) In this paragraph “service family accommodation” means accommodation primarily for use by members of His Majesty's Forces and their families.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to create an oversight board for the Defence Housing Service to ensure that the views of those who live in service family accommodation are taken into consideration.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Schedule 1 be the First Schedule to the Bill.

Member's explanatory statement

This is intended to probe why the Government wishes to create the Defence Housing Service as a non-departmental public body.

Schedule 3

BARONESS BRINTON

Schedule 3, page 98, line 40, at end insert—

“PART 1A**SERVICE STALKING PROTECTION NOTICES**

- 1A In Part 3 of AFA 2006 (power of arrest, search and entry), after Chapter 1A (inserted by paragraph 1) insert—

“CHAPTER 1B**SERVICE STALKING PROTECTION NOTICES****74E Power to give a service stalking protection notice**

- (1) An authorised service police officer may give a service stalking protection notice to a person falling within subsection (2) (“P”) if the officer has reasonable grounds for believing that—
 - (a) P has carried out acts associated with stalking against another person, and
 - (b) it is necessary to give the notice to protect that other person from stalking, or the risk of stalking, carried out by P.
- (2) A person is within this subsection if the person is aged 18 or over and is—
 - (a) subject to service law, or
 - (b) a civilian subject to service discipline.
- (3) A “service stalking protection notice” is a notice prohibiting P from carrying out acts associated with stalking against the person for whose protection the notice is given.

- (4) A service stalking protection notice may provide that P –
 - (a) may not contact the person for whose protection the notice is given;
 - (b) may not come within a distance specified in the notice of any premises in which that person lives or any other specified premises.
- (5) If P lives in premises in which the person for whose protection the notice is given also lives, the notice may also contain provision –
 - (a) prohibiting P from evicting or excluding that person from the premises;
 - (b) prohibiting P from entering the premises;
 - (c) requiring P to leave the premises.
- (6) It does not matter where the acts associated with stalking referred to in subsection (1)(a) took place.
- (7) In this Chapter –
 - “acts” includes omissions;
 - “authorised”, in relation to a service police officer, means of or above the rank of naval lieutenant, military or marine captain or flight lieutenant;
 - “service police officer” means a member of a service police force.

74F Matters to be considered before giving a notice

- (1) Before giving a service stalking protection notice to a person (“P”), an authorised service police officer must, among other things, consider the following –
 - (a) the welfare of any person under the age of 18 whose interests the officer considers relevant to the giving of the notice;
 - (b) the opinion of the person for whose protection the notice would be given as to the giving of the notice;
 - (c) any representations made by P about the giving of the notice;
 - (d) in a case where the notice includes provision relating to premises lived in by the person for whose protection the notice would be given, the opinion of any relevant occupant as to the giving of the notice.
- (2) In subsection (1)(d) “relevant occupant” means a person other than P or the person for whose protection the notice would be given –
 - (a) who lives in the premises, and
 - (b) who is personally connected to the person for whose protection the notice would be given or, if P also lives in the premises, P.
- (3) The authorised service police officer must take reasonable steps to discover the opinions mentioned in subsection (1)(b) and (d).

- (4) It is not necessary for the person for whose protection a service stalking protection notice is given to consent to the giving of the notice.

74G Further requirements in relation to notices

- (1) A service stalking protection notice must be in writing.
- (2) A service stalking protection notice given to a person must state –
 - (a) the grounds on which it has been given,
 - (b) that if the person is reasonably suspected of being in breach of the notice, they may be arrested in accordance with section 67(2), (3), (4) or (5) by a person subject to service law,
 - (c) that an application for a service stalking protection order under section 236M will be heard within 48 hours of the time of giving the notice and that a notice of the hearing will be given to the person,
 - (d) that the notice continues in effect until that application has been determined or withdrawn, and
 - (e) the provision that may be included in a service stalking protection order.
- (3) The notice must be served on the person personally by a service police officer.
- (4) On serving the notice on the person, the service police officer must ask the person for an address at which the person may be given the notice of the hearing of the application for the service stalking protection order.
- (5) After serving the notice on the person, the service police officer must make reasonable efforts to inform the person's commanding officer of the giving of the notice.

74H Breach of notice

- (1) A person who is reasonably suspected of being in breach of a service stalking protection notice may be arrested in accordance with section 67(2), (3), (4) or (5) by a person subject to service law.
- (2) Section 67(6) applies in relation to the power of arrest conferred by subsection (1) as it applies in relation to the power of arrest conferred by section 67.
- (3) A person arrested by virtue of subsection (1) must be kept in service custody and brought before the Court Martial or the Service Civilian Court –
 - (a) before the end of the period of 24 hours beginning with the time of the arrest, or
 - (b) if earlier, at the hearing of the application for a service stalking protection order against the person.

- (4) In calculating when the period of 24 hours mentioned in subsection (3)(a) ends, the following days are to be disregarded –
 - (a) any Sunday,
 - (b) Christmas Day,
 - (c) Good Friday, and
 - (d) any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.
- (5) If the person is brought before the court as mentioned in subsection (3)(a), the court may –
 - (a) give orders for the further detention of the person in service custody, or
 - (b) direct that the person is released from service custody.
- (6) The court may, when directing a person's release from service custody under subsection (5)(b), require the person to comply, before release or later, with any requirements that appear to the court to be necessary to secure that the person does not interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice.
- (7) Where a person is given a service stalking protection notice under section 74E, a Provost Marshal must apply for a service stalking protection order in respect of the person.
- (8) The application must be heard by the court not later than 48 hours after the notice was given to the person, and subsections (3) to (7) of section 236D apply to the application as they apply to an application for a service domestic abuse protection order.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment creates a Service Stalking Protection Notice (SSPN) by mirroring the existing framework for Service Domestic Abuse Protection Notices, giving service police an equivalent power to provide immediate protection pending the determination or withdrawal of an application for a Service Stalking Protection Order.

BARONESS BRINTON

Schedule 3, page 113, line 12, at end insert –

“236TA Provision for specialist stalking training

- (1) The Secretary of State must ensure that specialist stalking training is provided to service police, and other personnel exercising functions under this Chapter.
- (2) The training must include provision on –
 - (a) identifying stalking,
 - (b) patterns of escalation and stalking-related risk, and
 - (c) the application for, implementation and enforcement of service stalking protection orders.

- (3) The training must be developed and delivered in collaboration with independent organisations with specialist expertise in stalking.
- (4) The Secretary of State must ensure that such training is in place before this Chapter comes into force and is subject to regular review.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires specialist stalking training to be in place before the service stalking protection order regime comes into force to support the effective implementation of the new measures.

BARONESS BRINTON

Schedule 3, page 113, line 12, at end insert—

“236TA Continuity of protection

- (1) The Secretary of State must make provision to ensure the continuity of protection afforded by a service stalking protection order where a person becomes, or ceases to be, subject to service law.
- (2) Provision made under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) cooperation between service police, civilian police and relevant safeguarding authorities;
 - (b) the sharing of relevant information necessary for the effective operation and enforcement of service stalking protection orders;
 - (c) continuity of protection where responsibility for the enforcement of a service stalking protection order passes between service police and civilian police, including where individuals move between military and civilian jurisdictions;
 - (d) recognition of civilian stalking protection orders within military safeguarding and risk management processes.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish and keep under review provisions made under this section.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to ensure continuity of protection where responsibility for a stalking case passes between military and civilian jurisdictions, reducing the risk of gaps in protection when individuals move between service and civilian systems.

Clause 16

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 36, line 22, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, seek to remove the requirement that an offence must be a “serious offence” for a Provost Marshal to be the appropriate

authority and instead allow the Provost Marshal to be an appropriate authority in all service offences.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 36, line 28, leave out “serious” and insert “service”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, seek to remove the requirement that an offence must be a “serious offence” for a Provost Marshal to be the appropriate authority and instead allow the Provost Marshal to be an appropriate authority in all service offences.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 36, line 31, leave out “for serious crime, and” and insert “who directs the investigating service police force.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that custody can be authorised by whichever service police force is investigating.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 36, leave out lines 32 and 33

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, seeks to remove the requirement that an offence must be a 'serious offence' for a Provost Marshall to be the appropriate authority and instead allow the Provost Marshall to be an appropriate authority in all service offences.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 37, line 3, leave out “serious” and insert “service”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, seek to remove the requirement that an offence must be a “serious offence” for a Provost Marshall to be the appropriate authority and instead allow the Provost Marshal to be an appropriate authority in all service offences.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 37, leave out lines 14 and 15

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, seek to remove the requirement that an offence must be a “serious offence” for a Provost Marshal to be the appropriate authority and instead allow the Provost Marshal to be an appropriate authority in all service offences.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 37, leave out lines 21 to 33

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, seek to remove the requirement that an offence must be a “serious offence” for a Provost Marshal to be the appropriate authority and instead allow the Provost Marshal to be an appropriate authority in all service offences.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH

Clause 16, page 38, line 1, leave out from “charge)” to end of line 5 and insert “in subsection (1), for “commanding officer of” substitute “appropriate authority in relation to”.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that service police can apply to a Judge Advocate for an extension of custody in all cases.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill.

Member's explanatory statement

This is intended to probe the changes being made to pre-charge custody.

Clause 21

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

Clause 21, page 40, line 13, at end insert —

“(iii) a retired holder of such a rank.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would add retired officers to those qualified for membership of the Court Martial.

After Clause 27

LORD THOMAS OF GRESFORD

After Clause 27, insert the following new Clause —

“Sentencing

In section 160 of Armed Forces Act 2006 (decisions of Court Martial: finding and sentence), for subsections (1) and (4) substitute —

- “(1) Any sentence passed by the Court Martial must be determined by the judge advocate alone, following consultation with the lay members.
- (2) The lay members are not entitled to vote on the sentence.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides for sentencing, subject to consultation with the lay members, by the judge advocate alone.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

After Clause 27, insert the following new Clause —

“Removal of presumption of suspended sentence orders

- (1) The Armed Forces Act 2006 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 200 (suspended sentence orders), omit subsections (1)(aa) and (1)(ba).
- (3) Omit section 200ZB.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment removes the presumption of a suspended sentence order from the service justice system.

After Clause 36

LORD COAKER

After Clause 36, insert the following new Clause —

“Service of notices by email

- (1) RFA 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 32 (call out of persons who have entered into special arrangements) —
 - (a) after subsection (6) insert —
 - “(6A) A notice under this section may also be served on a person by email by sending it to —

- (a) the last known email address used by that person as a means for communicating with them, or
 - (b) if there is no such address, an email address by means of which there are reasonable grounds to believe that an email sent to that address will come to the attention of the person, and such a notice is, unless the contrary is proved, to be treated as having been received on the day following the day on which the email is sent.”;
 - (b) in subsection (7) after “subsection (6)” insert “or (6A)”.
- (3) In section 43 (call out of special members) –
- (a) after subsection (7) insert –
 - “(7A) A notice under this section may also be served on a person by email by sending it to –
 - (a) the last known email address used by that person as a means for communicating with them, or
 - (b) if there is no such address, an email address by means of which there are reasonable grounds to believe that an email sent to that address will come to the attention of the person, and such a notice is, unless the contrary is proved, to be treated as having been received on the day following the day on which the email is sent.”;
 - (b) in subsection (8) after “subsection (7)” insert “or (7A)”.
- (4) In section 58 (call out of members of a reserve force on authority of call-out order) –
- (a) after subsection (7) insert –
 - “(7A) A notice under this section may also be served on a person by email by sending it to –
 - (a) the last known email address used by that person as a means for communicating with them, or
 - (b) if there is no such address, an email address by means of which there are reasonable grounds to believe that an email sent to that address will come to the attention of the person, and such a notice is, unless the contrary is proved, to be treated as having been received on the day following the day on which the email is sent.”;
 - (b) in subsection (8) after “subsection (7)” insert “or (7A)”.
- (5) In section 70 (recall of persons on authority of recall order) –
- (a) after subsection (7) insert –
 - “(7A) A notice under this section may also be served on a person by email by sending it to –
 - (a) the last known email address used by that person as a means for communicating with them, or

(b) if there is no such address, an email address by means of which there are reasonable grounds to believe that an email sent to that address will come to the attention of the person, and such a notice is, unless the contrary is proved, to be treated as having been received on the day following the day on which the email is sent.”;

(b) in subsection (8) after “subsection (7)” insert “or (7A)”.

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause enables certain notices given under the Reserve Forces Act 1996 to be sent to persons by email in addition to the current provisions of the Act enabling service by post.

Schedule 5

LORD COAKER

Schedule 5, page 129, line 28, leave out “fourth” and insert “third”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment makes a drafting correction.

Clause 38

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO
LORD DE MAULEY

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 38 stand part of the Bill.

Member's explanatory statement

This notice to oppose clause 38 and the notice to oppose Schedule 6 in the name of Baroness Goldie would remove the provisions which reorganise the Reserve and Cadet Associations into a new non-departmental public body.

After Clause 38

LORD HARLECH

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After Clause 38, insert the following new Clause —

“Employer policies on the employment of members of the reserve forces

- (1) An employer to which this section applies must prepare, maintain and publish a policy on the employment of members of the reserve forces.
- (2) The policy must make provision about —
 - (a) time off for reserve forces training, including any entitlement under section 50A of the Employment Rights Act 1996;

- (b) the treatment of a period of permanent service under a call-out order or a recall order for the purposes of pay, pension, seniority and continuity of employment;
 - (c) reinstatement under the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985;
 - (d) the post responsible for the operation of the policy;
 - (e) how an employee may make a request, or raise a complaint, under it.
- (3) The employer must make the policy accessible to every it employee and, where it maintains a website, publish it there.
 - (4) The employer must review the policy at least once every three years.
 - (5) This section applies to an employer that employed, on average, 50 or more persons in the United Kingdom during the preceding financial year.
 - (6) The Secretary of State must issue guidance for the purposes of this section, which must include a model policy, and the employer must have regard to it.
 - (7) The Secretary of State must, each calendar year, lay before Parliament a report on compliance with this section.
 - (8) A failure to comply with this section does not give rise to any liability in civil proceedings.
 - (9) In this section “member of the reserve forces” has the meaning given by section 1 of RFA 1996.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require employers with 50 or more employees to publish and maintain a policy on the employment of reservists. It carries no sanction and no civil liability. It puts on a statutory basis an existing requirement of Silver and Gold employers under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.

LORD HARLECH

★ After Clause 38, insert the following new Clause —

“Right to time off for reserve forces training

- (1) The Employment Rights Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 50 insert —

“50A Right to time off for reserve forces training

- (1) An employer must permit an employee who is a member of a reserve force to take time off during the employee’s working hours to undertake relevant reserve forces training.
- (2) “Relevant reserve forces training” means training which the employee is required or authorised to undertake under section 22 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 and which consists of —

- (a) the annual period of continuous training, or
 - (b) a course of instruction leading to promotion, or to the award of a qualification recognised by the Defence Council for that purpose.
- (3) An employee is not entitled to time off under this section unless continuously employed by the employer for not less than 26 weeks ending with the day on which notice is given under subsection (5).
 - (4) The entitlement is ten working days in any leave year, reduced proportionately in the case of an employee who does not work full-time.
 - (5) The employee must give the employer notice in writing specifying the dates on which and the purpose for which the time off is to be taken, not less than 28 days before the first of those dates or, where that is not reasonably practicable, as soon as it is.
 - (6) The employer may require a certificate, signed by the employee's commanding officer or by an officer authorised by the commanding officer, confirming the purpose and duration of the training.
 - (7) This section confers no entitlement to remuneration, and does not prevent an employer permitting time off where it is not required to do so.
 - (8) Time off taken under a contractual entitlement for a purpose within subsection (2) counts towards, and does not increase, the entitlement under this section.
 - (9) This section does not apply to an employer that employed, on average, fewer than ten persons in the United Kingdom during the preceding financial year.
 - (10) In this section "leave year" has the meaning given by regulation 13(3) of the Working Time Regulations 1998 and "member of a reserve force" has the meaning given by section 1 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996."
- (3) In section 51(1), after "section 50" insert "or 50A".

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would give reservists a right to ten days' unpaid leave a year for annual continuous training and promotion courses, so that such training need not be taken from annual leave. The right would arise once an employee has been with their civilian employer for 26 weeks, and would not apply to employers with fewer than ten employees. Ten days is already the Gold standard under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, and the Civil Service has provided paid leave of this kind since 2012.

LORD HARLECH

★ After Clause 38, insert the following new Clause—

“Refusal of employment on grounds of membership of the reserve forces

- (1) It is unlawful to refuse a person employment because that person is, has been, or proposes to become a member of the reserve forces, or is or may become liable to be called out or recalled for service.
- (2) A person is refused employment if the prospective employer—
 - (a) refuses or deliberately omits to entertain or process an application or enquiry,
 - (b) causes the person to withdraw or cease to pursue an application,
 - (c) refuses or deliberately omits to offer employment,
 - (d) makes an offer on terms which no reasonable employer wishing to fill the post would offer, and which is not accepted, or
 - (e) withdraws an offer, or causes the person not to accept it.
- (3) It is unlawful for an employment agency to refuse a person any of its services for a reason falling within subsection (1).
- (4) A person refused employment or services in contravention of this section may complain to an employment tribunal within six months of the conduct complained of, or within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable where it was not reasonably practicable to complain in time.
- (5) Where the tribunal finds the complaint well founded it must make a declaration to that effect, and may award compensation, including compensation for injury to feelings, of such amount as it considers just and equitable, and may recommend action to obviate or reduce the adverse effect of the conduct complained of.
- (6) Where the complainant proves facts from which the tribunal could conclude, in the absence of any other explanation, that this section was contravened, the tribunal must uphold the complaint unless the respondent shows that the conduct was in no sense whatsoever on a ground falling within subsection (1).
- (7) In this section “member of the reserve forces” has the meaning given by section 1 of RFA 1996 and “employment agency” has the meaning given by section 13(2) of the Employment Agencies Act 1973.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would make it unlawful to refuse a person employment because they are, or may become, a reservist, with a remedy in the employment tribunal. Existing protection is confined to dismissal, so a job applicant has none. The clause follows the model used for trade union membership in Part III of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

LORD HARLECH

★ After Clause 38, insert the following new Clause —

“Detriment on grounds of membership of the reserve forces

- (1) A worker has the right not to be subjected to any detriment by any act, or any deliberate failure to act, by their employer on a ground falling within section (*Refusal of employment on grounds of membership of the reserve forces*)(1).
- (2) This section does not apply where the detriment amounts to dismissal.
- (3) Subsections (4) to (6) of that section apply to a complaint under this section.
- (4) In this section “worker” and “employer” have the meanings given by section 230 of the Employment Rights Act 1996.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would protect reservists from detriment short of dismissal, such as the denial of promotion or the withdrawal of duties, on the ground of their reserve service. Dismissal is already addressed by the Reserve Forces (Safeguard of Employment) Act 1985 and section 48 of the Defence Reform Act 2014.

LORD HARLECH

★ After Clause 38, insert the following new Clause —

“Self-employed members of the reserve forces

- (1) It is unlawful to subject a member of the reserve forces to a detriment on a ground falling within section (*Refusal of employment on grounds of membership of the reserve forces*)(1) by —
 - (a) refusing to enter into, terminating, or varying to that person’s disadvantage, a contract for the provision of services, or
 - (b) refusing that person admission to a partnership, expelling that person from a partnership, or subjecting that person to any other detriment in relation to a partnership.
- (2) Subsections (4) to (6) of that section apply to a complaint under this section.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, within twelve months of the day on which this Act is passed, review the financial support available to self-employed members of the reserve forces in respect of periods of training, and lay a report of the review before Parliament.
- (4) The review must consider the case for a scheme of financial assistance to self-employed members of the reserve forces, and to businesses in which such members hold a controlling interest, comparable to schemes operated in Australia and Canada.
- (5) In carrying out the review the Secretary of State must consult representative bodies of the self-employed and of small businesses, the Reserve Forces and Cadets

Association, and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would extend protection to self-employed reservists in relation to contracts for services and partnerships, and would require a review of the financial support available to them for training.

LORD HARLECH

★ After Clause 38, insert the following new Clause —

“Public procurement: employment of members of the reserve forces

- (1) Section 13 of the Procurement Act 2023 (the national procurement policy statement) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (2) insert —
 - “(2A) The national procurement policy statement must include provision about how contracting authorities are to take into account, in the exercise of their procurement functions, a supplier’s arrangements for the employment and support of members of the reserve forces.
 - (2B) Provision made by virtue of subsection (2A) must in particular address —
 - (a) whether the supplier maintains a policy under section (*Employer policies on the employment of members of the reserve forces*) of the Armed Forces Act 2026;
 - (b) whether the supplier permits time off for reserve forces training in excess of any entitlement under section 50A of the Employment Rights Act 1996;
 - (c) the supplier’s recognition, if any, under any scheme operated by the Secretary of State for Defence for the recognition of employers who support the armed forces.”
- (3) In subsection (3)(a), after “appropriate” insert “, which must include consultation with the Secretary of State for Defence”.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the national procurement policy statement, to which contracting authorities must have regard under section 13(9) of the Procurement Act 2023, to address how a supplier’s arrangements for employing reservists are taken into account.

Schedule 6

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP

★ Schedule 6, page 133, line 17, at end insert —

“(aa) the chairs of the regional councils;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow for regional chairs to sit on the RFCA board.

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP

- ★ Schedule 6, page 133, line 27, after “(1)(a)” insert “, (aa)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow for regional chairs to sit on the RFCA board.

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Schedule 6, page 134, line 22, leave out paragraph 4

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure non executive board members remain unpaid and therefore genuinely committed to the reserves and cadets.

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP

- ★ Schedule 6, page 137, line 10, at end insert—

“(4A) Each regional council must arrange, from each county in its area—

- (a) for the appointment as members of the RFCA naval members, marine members, military members and air force members;
- (b) for the appointment as members of the RFCA by the Defence Council, after consultation with, and on the recommendation of, the bodies to be represented, representatives of such of the local authorities wholly or partly within the area for which the RFCA is established as the Defence Council may from time to time determine;
- (c) for the appointment as members of the RFCA by the Defence Council, representatives of universities whose activities are carried on wholly or partly within the area for which the RFCA is established;
- (d) for the appointment as members of the RFCA by the Defence Council, persons representing the Army Cadet Force, the Air Training Corps, the Combined Cadet Force and the Sea Cadet Corps;
- (e) for the appointment as members of the RFCA by the Defence Council, persons representing employers, and persons employed, in the area for which the RFCA is established;
- (f) for the appointment of co-opted members;
- (g) for the mode of appointment, dismissal, term of office and rotation of members of the RFCA and the filling of casual vacancies;

- (h) for the election of a chairman and a vice-chairman or vice-chairmen by the RFCA and for defining their powers and duties;
- (i) for the appointment by the RFCA, subject to the approval of the Defence Council, of a secretary and other officers of the RFCA;
- (j) for dividing the area for which the RFCA is established into two or more parts and for establishing sub-associations for any of the parts.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the wider membership, as referenced in the 2019 Sullivan review, is retained in primary legislation.

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Schedule 6, page 137, line 17, at end insert—

- “(7) Each regional council in England and Wales (except Greater London) and Northern Ireland must make arrangements—
 - (a) for constituting as president of the regional council the lord-lieutenant of one of the counties or parts of counties for which the regional council is established, and
 - (b) for constituting as vice-presidents of the regional council the lord-lieutenants of those counties or parts of counties for which the regional council is established (if they are willing to act).
- (8) Each regional council in Scotland will make arrangements—
 - (a) in the case where a regional council area coincides with a local government area or where a local government area contains two or more regional council areas, for the selection of the president and vice-presidents of the regional council from the lord-lieutenants residing in the local government area, or
 - (b) in the case where a regional council area falls within two or more local government areas, for the selection of the president and vice-presidents of the regional council from the lord-lieutenants residing in those local government areas.
- (9) A regional council established for an area including Greater London shall provide for constituting the lord-lieutenant of Greater London as president of the regional council.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure Lord-Lieutenants' involvement as presidents of regional councils remains enshrined in primary legislation.

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Schedule 6, page 137, line 17, at end insert—

- “(7) A national council must be established whose members will be the chairs of the regional councils and such other members as the Defence Council shall appoint.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that there is a national voluntary body to bring together the views and contributions of the regional councils.

LORD DE MAULEY
LORD STIRRUP
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

Schedule 6, page 141, line 32, leave out paragraph (b)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent responsibility for production of the annual report being transferred to a body which is not independent of the Ministry of Defence.

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO
LORD DE MAULEY

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Schedule 6 be the Sixth Schedule to the Bill.

Member's explanatory statement

This notice to oppose Schedule 6 and the notice to oppose clause 38 in the name of Baroness Goldie would remove the provisions which reorganise the Reserve and Cadet Associations into a new non-departmental public body.

After Clause 42

LORD THOMAS OF GRESFORD

After Clause 42, insert the following new Clause—

“Visiting forces agreements

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish in unredacted form any part of a treaty, memorandum of understanding or agreement between the United Kingdom and any sending country relating to visiting forces containing a decision about a jurisdictional question, including in relation to the Visiting Forces Act 1952.

- (2) Alongside the material published under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must publish a document setting out the reasons behind any decision about a jurisdictional question contained in the relevant treaty, memorandum of understanding or agreement.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment probes the nature of any agreements reached between the UK and a sending country in relation to jurisdiction over visiting forces, and requires the Secretary of State to set out the reasons behind such a decision.

Clause 48

LORD DANNATT

Lord Dannatt gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 48 stand part of the Bill.

Member's explanatory statement

This opposition to Clause 48 seeks to make the case that there should be wider consultation with the diving community before legislation is introduced.

After Clause 50

LORD CRAIG OF RADLEY
LORD HARLECH

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause—

“Waived fees for indefinite leave to remain for spouses or children of serving or discharged members of the armed forces

- (1) The Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/330) are amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 (applications for leave to remain in the United Kingdom), in 9.18 of table 9 (fees for applications for limited leave to remain in the United Kingdom and connected applications)—
 - (a) after (b), insert—
 - “(c) in a case where the application is made by a person who is a spouse or child of a member or previously serving member of the armed forces who has served for four or more years”
 - (b) in the closing words, leave out “and (b)” and insert “, (b), and (c)”.

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would amend the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2018 to waive the fee for indefinite leave to remain applications for the spouses or children of any current or previously serving members of the armed forces who have served for four or more years.

BARONESS PENN
BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM
LORD HARLECH

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Occupational paternity leave and pay

Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must amend the Armed Forces Occupational Paternity Leave Scheme to —

- (a) extend the paternity leave entitlement of service personnel to six weeks, and
- (b) specify that the six weeks of paternity leave is fully paid.”

BARONESS GOLDIE
THE EARL OF MINTO

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Overseas operations and the European Convention on Human Rights

- (1) The Human Rights Act 1998 is amended as follows.
- (2) For section 7A (limitation: overseas forces proceedings) substitute —

“7A No proceedings for overseas operations

- (1) No proceedings may be brought under section 7(1)(a) in respect of any overseas operations by His Majesty’s forces.
 - (2) “Overseas operations” means any operations outside the British Islands, including peacekeeping operations and operations for dealing with terrorism, civil unrest or serious public disorder, in the course of which members of His Majesty’s forces come under attack or face the threat of attack or violent resistance.
 - (3) “His Majesty’s forces” has the same meaning as in the Armed Forces Act 2006 (see section 374 of that Act).
 - (4) A member of the regular or reserve forces who has been deployed on an overseas operation under this Act may not be subject to the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights for the duration of that deployment.”
- (3) After section 14 (derogations), insert —

“14A Overseas operations and the European Convention on Human Rights

- (1) Where the Secretary of State considers that any overseas operation is, or is likely to be, significant, the Secretary of State must authorise for the United Kingdom to make a derogation under Article 15(1) of the Convention.

- (2) In this section “overseas operations” has the same meaning as in section 7A.””

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause seeks to make provision for the members of the regular or reserve forces who have been deployed under this Act to be exempt from the European Convention on Human Rights for that period of deployment.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH
THE EARL OF MINTO

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Impersonation of service police

- (1) Section 90 of the Police Act 1996 (impersonation, etc.) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), after “force” insert “including service police”.
- (3) In subsection (2), after “force” insert “including service police”.
- (4) In subsection (3), after “force” insert “including service police”.
- (5) In subsection (4), at end insert —

“(c) “service police” has the same meaning as in section 375 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (definitions relating to the service police and other police forces).””

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment seeks to amend section 90 of the Police Act 1996 to make impersonating a service police officer a specific offence and afford service police the same protections against impersonation given to their civilian counterparts.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH
THE EARL OF MINTO

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Protection of service police from assaults

- (1) Section 3 of the Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 (meaning of “emergency worker”) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (b) insert —

“(ba) a service police officer;”.
- (3) In subsection (3), at end insert —

““service police” has the same meaning as in section 375 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (definitions relating to the service police and other police forces).””

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment seeks to amend section 3 of the Assaults On Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 to specifically include service police within the meaning of an emergency worker.

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Independent review of Armed Forces recruitment and retention

- (1) The Secretary of State must commission an independent review of the processes for recruitment and retention across His Majesty's forces.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must, in particular, consider —
 - (a) the efficiency and consistency of recruitment processes across the Royal Navy, the regular army, the Royal Air Force and the reserve forces,
 - (b) the effectiveness of steps being taken to improve diversity and inclusion within His Majesty's forces,
 - (c) the impact of the quality of defence housing (including single living accommodation) on the retention of service personnel, and
 - (d) the impact of the medical discharge process on retention and transition to civilian life.
- (3) A report of the review must be laid before each House of Parliament no later than 12 months after the day on which this Act is passed.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause requires the Government to commission an independent review into recruitment and retention in the Armed Forces and lay the report of the review before Parliament.

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Duty to provide medical records on discharge

- (1) This section applies where a person ceases to be a member of the regular forces or the reserve forces.
- (2) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for a complete copy of the person's service medical records to be provided to the person no later than one month after the day on which the person is discharged or otherwise ceases to be a member of those forces.
- (3) Those regulations may specify the manner and form in which service medical records are to be provided under this section, including provision for records to be transferred directly to a civilian health body with the person's consent.
- (4) In this section —

“health body” has the same meaning as in section 343AZB of AFA 2006;

“service medical records” means any records relating to the person's physical or mental health care and treatment created or maintained by or on behalf of His Majesty's forces during the person's period of service.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause places a statutory duty on the Secretary of State to ensure that all service personnel leaving the military receive a complete copy of their medical records within one month of their discharge date.

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Personal independence payment reassessment exemption for amputees

- (1) Within six months of the passage of this Act, the Secretary of State must make regulations which make provision for persons who have experienced an amputation as a consequence of their membership in the armed forces to be exempt from personal independence payment reassessments except in instances in which such persons have requested a reassessment.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, “personal independence payment” has the meaning given by Part 4 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to make regulations to ensure that persons who have experienced an amputation as a consequence of their membership in the armed forces are exempt from personal independence payment reassessments.

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Reporting on the Defence Investment Plan

- (1) Every six months after the day on which this Act is passed for the duration of this Parliament, and every year thereafter, the Secretary of State must publish a report on the implementation of the Defence Investment Plan.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of each report under subsection (1) before each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would compel the Government to publish and lay before Parliament a regular report on the implementation of the Defence Investment Plan every six months during this Parliament, and annually thereafter.

BARONESS SMITH OF NEWNHAM

After Clause 50, insert the following new Clause —

“Report on the impact of Defence Investment Plan delays

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must publish an impact assessment of the delays to the implementation of the Defence Investment Plan.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must include an assessment of the impact of such delays on —
 - (a) small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the UK defence supply chain,
 - (b) military procurement, equipment capability timelines, and operational readiness, and
 - (c) the financial sustainability of defence sector businesses.
- (3) In preparing the report under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult —
 - (a) representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises in the defence sector, and
 - (b) the Defence Suppliers Forum.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of the report under subsection (1) before each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause requires the Secretary of State to publish and lay before Parliament a one-time report within six months of the Act's passage assessing the impact of Defence Investment Plan delays on military procurement and defence businesses, with particular focus on SMEs.

Clause 55

LORD HARLECH

★ Clause 55, page 71, line 15, at end insert —

- “(2A) Section (*Employer policies on the employment of members of the reserve forces*) comes into force at the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

LORD HARLECH

★ Clause 55, page 71, line 15, at end insert —

- “(2A) Section (*Right to time off for reserve forces training*) comes into force at the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

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