

Railways Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

Clause 31

LORD GRAYLING

Clause 31, page 17, line 14, at end insert —

“(aa) to an employee-owned company, or”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment enables the Secretary of State to directly award a public service contract for the provision of passenger rail services to a private employee-owned company or mutual enterprise.

LORD GRAYLING

Clause 31, page 17, line 24, at end insert —

“(ii) an employee-owned company.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment enables the Scottish Ministers to directly award a public service contract for the provision of passenger rail services to a private employee-owned company or mutual enterprise.

LORD GRAYLING

Clause 31, page 17, line 30, at end insert —

“(ii) an employee-owned company.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment enables the Welsh Ministers to directly award a public service contract for the provision of passenger rail services to a private employee-owned company or mutual enterprise.

LORD GRAYLING

Clause 31, page 18, line 4, at end insert –

- “(7) In this section, “employee-owned company” means a private company limited by shares or by guarantee in which –
- (a) more than 50% of the ordinary share capital or voting rights are held by or on behalf of the employees of the company, or
 - (b) the governance structure secures employee control or significant employee participation through an employee ownership trust or similar arrangement.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defines “employee-owned company” for the purposes of other amendments to clause 31 in the name of Lord Grayling.

After Clause 58

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

After Clause 58, insert the following new Clause –

“Accessibility standards: delivery

Great British Railways, and passenger service operators, must each appoint –

- (a) a senior accountable accessibility lead,
- (b) a board-level accessibility champion, and
- (c) a named executive,

who are jointly responsible for delivery of accessibility standards set by the accessible rail transport standards commission under section (*Accessible rail transport standards commission*)(2)(a).”

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

After Clause 58, insert the following new Clause –

“Accessibility enforcement and financial penalties

- (1) Within the period of 12 months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must establish a penalty framework for railways stations operated by Great British Railways that are found to be non-compliant with accessibility standards set by the body established by section (*Accessible rail transport standards commission*).
- (2) A railway station found to be non-compliant with accessibility standards will be subject to fines in line with the penalty framework specified under subsection (1).
- (3) Funds from these fines must be invested in improving accessibility across Great British Railways.”

Clause 72

LORD BERKELEY

Clause 72, page 43, line 6, leave out from “means” to end of line 7 and insert “railway infrastructure, as defined in the 2016 Regulations, that is not operated by or on behalf of Great British Railways.”

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