Health Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Fourth Marshalled List]

After Clause 78

LORD WEIR OF BALLYHOLME

After Clause 78, insert the following new Clause—

"Medicines and medical devices: training and supervision to enable the use of non-animal medical research and testing techniques

(1) The Secretary of State must make such arrangements as they consider appropriate for the general purpose of providing training in non-animal medical research and testing techniques.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Secretary of State must provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as they consider necessary to persons engaged in the research, development and testing of new medicines to enable the adoption of non-animal research and testing methods."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment seeks to ensure that those conducting medical research and developing new medicines are trained in the use of methods that will provide the most accurate information about whether new medicines are likely to be safe and effective for human patients.

LORD WEIR OF BALLYHOLME

After Clause 78, insert the following new Clause—

"Medicines and medical devices: international discussions on the use of non-animal research and testing methods

At least once in every period of 24 months, the Secretary of State must host an international meeting of medicines regulators in the United Kingdom to discuss the validation and acceptance of non-animal methods in the development of new medicines and to agree actions that will encourage and accelerate the validation and acceptance of such methods."

Member's explanatory statement
This amendment seeks to ensure that ongoing discussions on the international acceptance of non-animal research and testing methods take place.

After Clause 84

BARONESS GERADA

After Clause 84, insert the following new Clause—

"NHS constitution: fairness, impartiality and freedom from racism

(1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, revise the NHS Constitution in accordance with this section.

(2) The revised NHS Constitution must include—

(a) a pledge that patients, their families and carers, and staff will be treated fairly, without fear or favour, and free from antisemitism and all other forms of racism and religious hatred, and

(b) a responsibility on staff to act impartially towards patients and colleagues in the course of their work, including by not displaying political symbols, slogans or messages while on duty or while identifiable as NHS staff.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2)(b) requires the NHS Constitution to restrict the wearing of religious dress or religious symbols.

(4) Section 3 of the Health Act 2009 (availability and review of NHS Constitution) applies to a revision under this section as it applies to a revision under that section.

(5) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement setting out how the revised NHS Constitution gives effect to subsection (2) and how compliance will be monitored.

(6) In this section "the NHS Constitution" has the meaning given in section 1 of the Health Act 2009 (NHS Constitution)."

Member's explanatory statement
This new clause would require the Secretary of State to revise the NHS Constitution within 12 months to include a pledge that patients and staff will be treated without fear or favour and free from antisemitism and other forms of racism, and a responsibility on staff to act impartially, including by not displaying political symbols while on duty.

Health Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Fourth Marshalled List]

12 November 2026

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS