

Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 1

BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

Clause 1, page 1, line 15, leave out “takes account of the sensitivities of those with different national and cultural identities” and insert “respects the rights of others”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would substitute the qualification on the National and Cultural identity principles relating to the principle that everyone in Northern Ireland is free to express and celebrate that identity. The amendment would substitute the current limitation that this principle be subordinate to the “sensitivities” of persons with alternate national and cultural identity, with a limitation grounded in respect for the rights of others.

BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

Clause 1, page 2, line 13, at end insert –

““rights of others” means Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998 and other international human rights standards.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defines “rights of others” in reference to Convention rights and other international human rights standards.

Clause 2

BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

Clause 2, page 5, line 21, leave out lines 21 to 23

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the requirement that Best Practice Irish Language Standards produced by the Irish Language Commissioner be subject to the approval of the First and deputy First Ministers.

Clause 2 - continued

BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

Clause 2, page 5, line 24, leave out “approved under subsection (2)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick's amendment to Clause 2, page 5, line 21.

BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

Clause 2, page 6, line 12, leave out “have due regard to” and insert “comply with”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would amend the duty on public authorities to one of compliance with Best Practice Irish language standards from one of due regard.

BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK

Clause 2, page 7, line 19, after “means” insert “UK wide authorities which provide services to the public or a section of the public in Northern Ireland and”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure key UK wide services are included.

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