

# Conversion Therapy Prohibition (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Bill [HL]

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## AMENDMENTS

### TO BE MOVED

#### IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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##### Clause 1

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, at end insert –

“(2A) Such practices under subsection (2) include, but are not limited to, verbal communications such as those during confessions and repentances.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes explicit that verbal communications can be considered change or suppression practices, including those that take place in a religious context.*

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, at end insert –

“(2A) Nothing in this section relates to psychological practice or religious advice.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment puts onto the face of the Bill that psychological practice and religious advice does not constitute conversion therapy and so is not covered by the offence.*

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, at end insert –

“(2A) “Conversion therapy” includes any practice which encourages a person to put their religious values rather than their sexual orientation or gender identity at the centre of their personal identity.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes clear that it is an unlawful act of conversion therapy to encourage a person to put their religious identity before their sexual identity.*

## LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, at end insert –

- “(2A) Refusing to provide a breast-binder to a child who requests one is a practice that would constitute “conversion therapy” under subsection (2).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes explicit that refusing to provide a breast-binder to a child who requests it would constitute ‘conversion therapy’ as defined by the Act.*

**Clause 2**

## LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

Clause 2, page 1, line 14, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

- “(2) This Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (2A) Regulations under subsection (2) may not be presented until a Commission has been established for the purpose of advising individuals on compliance with provisions of this Act, including providing guidance on –
- (a) appropriate record keeping of private conversations on sexuality and gender;
  - (b) the importance of witnesses when having private conversations on sexuality and gender; and
  - (c) appropriate policies for organisations on sexuality and gender.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes commencement conditional upon the establishment of a commission to provide advice on how to conduct private conversations to avoid prosecution.*



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