

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

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

After Clause 1

BARONESS NOAKES

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

“Review of necessity of this Act

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint a person or persons to report on—
 - (a) which acts of conversion therapy are prohibited by statute other than this Act;
 - (b) whether there are any acts of conversion therapy which are prohibited by statute other than this Act and, if so, whether section 1 is appropriate for such acts.
- (2) The report must be published and laid before Parliament by the Secretary of State within 12 months of the appointment being made.”

BARONESS NOAKES

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

“Survey of prevalence of conversion therapy

- (1) The Secretary of State must commission a survey in order to determine the prevalence and nature of conversion therapy in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The survey must seek to establish statistically valid conclusions on such matters as the Secretary of State must determine and must include data on—
 - (a) the country in which instances of conversion therapy took place;
 - (b) the year in which instances of conversion therapy took place;
 - (c) the extent to which it is likely that instances of conversion therapy could have been treated as a criminal offence under statute other than this Act.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay the findings of the survey before Parliament.”

Clause 2

BARONESS NOAKES

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

- “(2) This section comes into force within 6 months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) The rest of this Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (2B) Regulations under subsection (2A) may not be made unless –
 - (a) the Secretary of State has received a report prepared under section (*Review of necessity of this Act*) which states that there are acts of conversion therapy which are not covered by statute other than this Act and that section 1 is appropriate for those acts,
 - (b) the report has been laid before each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This and another amendment in my name make commencement conditional on the Secretary of State receiving a report as to whether the provisions of section 1 are necessary in the context of gaps in existing criminal law to deal with conversion therapy.

BARONESS NOAKES

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- “(2) This section comes into force within 6 months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) The rest of this Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (2B) Regulations under subsection (2A) may not be made unless –
 - (a) the Secretary of State has received the findings of a survey prepared under section (*Survey of prevalence of conversion therapy*), and
 - (b) the findings have been laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This and another amendment in my name make commencement conditional upon the Secretary of State receiving the findings of a survey on the prevalence of conversion therapy and laying the findings before Parliament.

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