

# Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [HL]

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## SECOND MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

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*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

**Amendment  
No.**

### **Clause 25**

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND  
BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB  
LORD BLUNKETT  
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

**36** Clause 25, page 25, line 3, at end insert —

- “(2A) The Secretary of State must issue guidance requiring —
- (a) buses to stop at the kerbside to allow all passengers to board from and alight directly to the pavement, and
  - (b) stopping places to be designed such that all passengers can continue their journey without crossing a live cycle lane running through or on any part of the pavement.
- (2B) The organisations listed in subsection (6) must comply with the guidance issued under subsection (2A) when commissioning the design, construction or maintenance of a stopping place for a local service, or any facilities in the vicinity of a stopping place for a local service.”

### **After Clause 25**

BARONESS BRINTON

**37** After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

### **“Reporting on accessibility of bus services**

- (1) Each Local Transport Authority must prepare and publish an annual report assessing the accessibility of bus services within its jurisdiction.

- (2) The report must include –
  - (a) an assessment of sufficient accessibility provisions of routes and stops;
  - (b) proposals to improve bus route accessibility;
  - (c) an evaluation of the effectiveness of previous accessibility improvements, including data on their impact on disabled passengers and other affected groups;
  - (d) a review of any barriers preventing the full implementation of accessibility improvements;
  - (e) an assessment of any additional funding or resources required.
- (3) In preparing the report, Local Transport Authorities must consult relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to local disabled persons' organizations, and transport providers.
- (4) Where a bus route crosses multiple jurisdictions, the relevant local transport authorities must coordinate and agree on which authority is responsible for publishing the report addressing the provisions in subsection (2) as they apply to the affected routes.
- (5) The first report under subsection (1) must be published within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed."

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND  
BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB  
LORD BLUNKETT  
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

38 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

**“Prohibition on floating bus stops and plan to retrofit all existing sites**

- (1) On the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must take all steps necessary –
  - (a) to prohibit –
    - (i) the construction of any new floating bus stops, and
    - (ii) the provision of any funding that could be used for the construction of floating bus stops;
  - (b) to retrofit floating bus stops along inclusive-by-design principles to make them fully accessible.
- (2) The retrofit programme must be completed within 18 months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) As part of achieving the objective in subsection (1)(a) the Secretary of State must ensure that the relevant parts of Local Transport Note 1/20 (cycle infrastructure design) are updated and that relevant authorities are required to abide by that guidance.”

## BARONESS PIDGEON

39 After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

**“Assessment to retrofit floating bus stops**

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must conduct a full assessment of all existing floating bus stops to determine their level of safety and compliance with relevant safety and accessibility guidance.
- (2) The assessment must also identify any necessary retrofits to ensure floating bus stops are fully accessible and designed inclusively.
- (3) Following the assessment, the Secretary of State must develop and implement a programme to retrofit existing floating bus stops in accordance with relevant safety and accessibility standards.
- (4) The retrofit programme must ensure that floating bus stops are designed to allow room for passengers to board and alight directly between the bus and the pavement safely, without accessing a cycle lane.
- (5) The retrofit programme detailed in subsection (3) must be completed within 18 months of the assessment’s conclusion.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause requires the Secretary of State to assess all existing floating bus stops for safety and accessibility compliance within six months of the Act’s passage and to complete any necessary retrofits within 18 months thereafter.*

## Clause 27

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

40 Clause 27, page 27, line 31, leave out “possible” and insert “safe to do so”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes it clear that the training will require a person to take steps to prevent crime or anti-social behaviour only where it is safe to do so.*

## LORD WOODLEY

41 Clause 27, page 27, line 35, at end insert —

- “(2A) Before preparing training under subsection (2), PSV operators must consult trades unions on the proposed content and implementation of the training.”

## LORD MOYLAN

42 Clause 27, page 27, line 35, at end insert—

- “(2A) The training requirement under this section must not include advice, encouragement, direction or expectation that a person should, at any stage, put themselves in danger.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to ensure that any training requirements established under this section do not include guidance that would advise, encourage, direct, or imply that individuals should put themselves in danger at any stage.*

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

43 Clause 27, page 28, line 7, at end insert—

- “(3A) Where regulations made under this section impose a duty or confer a power to process personal data, the duty or power does not operate to require or authorise the data to be processed in a way which contravenes the data protection legislation (but the duty or power is to be taken into account in determining whether the processing contravenes that legislation).
- (3B) In subsection (3A) “the data protection legislation”, “personal data” and “processing” have the same meanings as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act), and “process” and “processed” are to be construed accordingly.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment clarifies that regulations requiring holders of PSV operators' licences to keep records relating to their compliance with the training requirement do not operate in a way which contravenes the data protection legislation.*

**Clause 29**

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

44 Clause 29, page 29, line 12, at end insert—

- “(1A) Where regulations made under this section impose a duty or confer a power to process personal data, the duty or power does not operate to require or authorise the data to be processed in a way which contravenes the data protection legislation (but the duty or power is to be taken into account in determining whether the processing contravenes that legislation).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment clarifies that regulations requiring carriers and terminal managing bodies to keep records relating to their compliance with the disability training requirements do not operate in a way which contravenes the data protection legislation.*

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

45 Clause 29, page 29, line 28, at end insert—

“(za) “the data protection legislation”, “personal data” and “processing” have the same meanings as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act), and “process” and “processed” are to be construed accordingly,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment defines terms used in clause 29(1A), inserted by my amendment to clause 29, page 29, line 12, and is consequential on that amendment.*

**Clause 30**

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

46 Clause 30, page 30, line 21, leave out from “a” to “may” in line 23 and insert “service that falls within subsection (1A)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, together with my amendments of clause 30 at page 30 line 24 (first amendment) and page 31 lines 10 and 11, provides for the requirement to use zero emission buses to apply to the local services in England set out in my second amendment at page 30 line 24.*

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

47 Clause 30, page 30, line 24, leave out “that area” and insert “England”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*See the statement for my amendment at clause 30, page 30, line 21.*

## LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

48 Clause 30, page 30, line 24, at end insert—

“(1A) A service falls within this subsection if it is—

- (a) a local service which has one or more stopping places in England and which—
  - (i) is registered under section 6 of the Transport Act 1985, or
  - (ii) is not required to be registered under that section because of section 123J(2) or an exemption granted under section 123PA(1), or
- (b) a London local service (within the meaning given by section 179 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for the requirement to use zero-emission buses to apply to local services registered under section 6 of the Transport Act 1985, local services in franchise areas and London local services.*

LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

**49** Clause 30, page 31, leave out lines 10 and 11

***Member's explanatory statement***

*See the statement for my amendment at clause 30, page 30 line 21.*

LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

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

- “(4) In section 160 (regulations and orders) —
- (a) in subsection (2), for “or 141A(1)” substitute “, 141A(1) or 151A(2)(b)”, and
  - (b) in subsection (3), for “or 141A(1)” substitute “, 141A(1) or 151A(2)(b)”.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for regulations setting the date of first registration for the purposes of the zero-emission vehicles requirement to be subject to affirmative resolution procedure.*

LORD GOODMAN OF WYCOMBE

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

- “(4) In section 160 (Part II: regulations and orders), in subsection (2A), after “141A(1)”, insert “151A(3)”.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to ensure that regulations made under the provision inserted by this Clause are subject to the affirmative procedure.*

**After Clause 30**

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

**52** After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**“Review of the operation of the English national concessionary travel scheme**

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must conduct a review of the English national concessionary travel scheme (ENCTS).
- (2) The review must assess —

- (a) the overall effectiveness and impact of the ENCTS for eligible persons,
  - (b) the impact of the timing restrictions of the ENCTS for eligible persons, and
  - (c) the approximate cost of removing timing restrictions of the ENCTS to allow eligible persons to use the scheme on travel 24 hours a day and seven days a week.
- (3) In conducting the review, the Secretary of State must consult relevant stakeholders, including local councils, transport authorities and relevant user groups.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to review the current English national concessionary travel scheme.*

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

53 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause –

**“Review of the provision of bus services to villages in England**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within two years of the day on which this Act is passed, conduct a review of the level of bus services being provided to villages in England.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must assess –
  - (a) the change in the level of services to villages since the passing of this Act,
  - (b) the number of villages in England not served by bus services,
  - (c) demographic characteristics of villages in relation to the level of bus services available, and
  - (d) the impact of this Act on the provision of bus services to villages in England.
- (3) In conducting the review under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consult relevant stakeholders, including local councils and transport authorities.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to review provision of bus services to villages in England.*

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

54 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause –

**“Review of the use and costs of bus travel for children**

- (1) Within two years of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must conduct a review of the use of bus services by children and the possible impact of making bus travel free for children.
- (2) The review must assess –
  - (a) the level of use of bus services by children,

- (b) the degree to which cost is a limiting factor in children's use of bus services, and
  - (c) the potential health, social and environmental impacts of children being unable to use bus services as a result of the cost of those services.
- (3) For the purposes of the review under subsection (1), "child" means any person under the age of 18.
- (4) In conducting the review, the Secretary of State must consult relevant stakeholders, including local councils, transport authorities and youth organisations."

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to review the impact of making bus travel free for children.*

LORD WOODLEY

55 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**"National Bus Forum**

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must establish a National Bus Forum.
- (2) The purpose of the National Bus Forum is to address issues affecting the provision of local bus services at industry-wide and strategic level.
- (3) The membership of the National Bus Forum must include —
  - (a) HM Government,
  - (b) trades unions,
  - (c) bus service operators,
  - (d) local authorities in England, and
  - (e) any other body or persons as the Secretary of State deems necessary."

LORD WOODLEY

56 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**"Report: local bus services and national sectoral collective bargaining**

With six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report assessing the impact of the provisions in this Act on the ability of the Government to introduce national sectoral collective bargaining to the local bus service sector."



LORD HAMPTON  
LORD MOYLAN

57 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**“Implementing a Vision Zero programme**

The Secretary of State must work with bus service providers, trade unions, professional bodies, and appropriate training institutions to implement a Vision Zero programme within the bus sector, modelled on best practice in the industry, with the aim of eliminating serious injuries in the course of bus operations.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to collaborate with key stakeholders to implement a Vision Zero programme for buses, aiming to eliminate serious injuries during bus operations and improve overall safety within the sector.*

LORD WOODLEY

58 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**“Recording and sharing data about assaults**

- (1) Any bus operator which has entered into a contract to operate a franchising scheme or enhanced partnership plan must record all data about assaults and violent behaviour that have taken place on their buses and share that data with their Local Transport Authority.
- (2) Local Transport Authorities must consult relevant trade unions regarding any issues of staff safety arising from the data collected under subsection (1).”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require bus operators to record all data about assaults and violent behaviour on their buses and LTAs to consult unions about that data.*

LORD MOYLAN

59 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**“Consultation: bus funding formula**

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must publish a report detailing a proposed bus funding formula for consultation.
- (2) The report published under subsection (1) must include —
  - (a) the Secretary of State’s rationale for proposing that formula,
  - (b) an evidence-based assessment of the distributional effect of that formula between various transport authorities in England, and
  - (c) any alternative funding formulas that the Secretary of State has considered but chosen not to pursue.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to publish a proposed bus funding formula for consultation, including their reasoning, an assessment of its impact on different transport authorities, and details of alternative approaches considered but not adopted.*

BARONESS PIDGEON

60 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**“£2 bus fare scheme**

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish a scheme to cap the fare for a single bus journey at £2.
- (2) Bus operators in England, including private companies, franchisees, and local authorities, may opt into the scheme.
- (3) Service operators under this scheme may receive preferential consideration for the allocation of financial grants under section 19 of this Act.
- (4) The Secretary of State may review the terms of the scheme every three years from the day on which this Act is passed and amend it through regulations made by statutory instrument.
- (5) A statutory instrument under this section may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to introduce a scheme capping single bus fares at £2, alongside the existing £3 scheme. The scheme will be subject to periodic review.*

BARONESS BRINTON

61 After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause —

**“Compliance with the Equality Act 2010**

- (1) The Transport Act 2000 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 108 (local transport plans), after subsection 1(b), insert —
  - “(c) ensure bus services which are subject to the provisions of the Bus Services (No.2) Act 2025 do not discriminate against disabled persons as defined by section 15 of the Equality Act 2010.””

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment links the Equality and Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) provisions in Section 15 of the Equality Act 2010 to local transport authorities and local PSV bus services under both the Transport Act 2000 and this bill. It also clarifies that any bus operating under the provisions of this Bill must comply with the PSED.*

## The Schedule

LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

62 The Schedule, page 35, line 35, at end insert —

“(da) such persons with disabilities (within the meaning given by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010) who are users or prospective users of local services, or such organisations appearing to the authority or authorities to be representative of such persons, as they think fit;”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires a franchising authority to consult disabled persons, or organisations representative of disabled persons, before adding an area to the area to which the franchising scheme relates.*

LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

63 The Schedule, page 38, line 15, at end insert —

“(da) such persons with disabilities (within the meaning given by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010) who are users or prospective users of local services, or such organisations appearing to the authority or authorities to be representative of such persons, as they think fit;”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires a franchising authority to consult disabled persons, or organisations representative of disabled persons, before varying (without adding to) the area to which the franchising scheme relates.*

LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

64 The Schedule, page 40, line 19, at end insert —

“(ia) such persons with disabilities (within the meaning given by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010) who are users or prospective users of local services, or such organisations appearing to the authority or authorities to be representative of such persons, as they think fit, and”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires a franchising authority to consult disabled persons, or organisations representative of disabled persons, before varying a franchising scheme in some way other than varying the area.*

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