

# Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

## COMMONS REASONS

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*[The page and line references are to HL Bill 61, the Bill as first printed for the Lords]*

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### Clause 3

#### LORDS AMENDMENT 1

- 1** Clause 3, page 3, line 26, after “hereditament” insert “other than a qualifying healthcare hereditament”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 1 for the following Reason –*

- 1A** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

#### LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 1, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 1A, and do propose Amendment 1B in lieu –*

- 1B** Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –
- “(1A) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) may specify that occupied hospitals, medical and dental schools, and any other healthcare settings as may be prescribed in the regulations are not subject to the higher multiplier.”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 1B for the following Reason –*

- 1C** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

#### LORDS AMENDMENT 2

- 2** Clause 3, page 3, line 27, after “more,” insert “and is not an “anchor store”,”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 2 for the following Reason –*

- 2A** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

#### LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 2, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 2A, and do propose Amendment 2B in lieu –*

- 2B** Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –  
 “(1A) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) may specify that occupied anchor stores are not subject to the higher multiplier (and may define “anchor stores” for this purpose).”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 2B for the following Reason –*

- 2C** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

#### LORDS AMENDMENT 7

- 7** Clause 3, page 4, line 6, after “hereditament” insert “other than a qualifying healthcare hereditament”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 7 for the following Reason –*

- 7A** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

## LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 7, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 7A, and do propose Amendment 7B in lieu –*

**7B** Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –

“(1A) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) may specify that unoccupied hospitals, medical and dental schools, and any other healthcare settings as may be prescribed in the regulations are not subject to the higher multiplier.”

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 7B for the following Reason –*

**7C** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

## LORDS AMENDMENT 8

**8** Clause 3, page 4, line 7, after “more,” insert “and is not an “anchor store”,”

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 8 for the following Reason –*

**8A** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

## LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 8, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 8A, and do propose Amendment 8B in lieu –*

**8B** Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –

“(1A) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) may specify that unoccupied anchor stores are not subject to the higher multiplier (and may define “anchor stores” for this purpose).”

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 8B for the following Reason –*

**8C** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

### After Clause 4

#### LORDS AMENDMENT 13

**13** After Clause 4, insert the following new Clause –

**“Review: threshold effect**

- (1) The Secretary of State must undertake a review of how the provisions in this Act may affect businesses whose rateable value is close to £500,000.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay the review under subsection (1) before Parliament.”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 13 for the following Reason –*

**13A** *Because the government has already agreed to publish information about the new multipliers and further provision is not necessary.*

#### LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENT IN LIEU

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 13, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 13A, and do propose Amendment 13B in lieu –*

**13B** After Clause 4, insert the following new Clause –

**“Review: threshold effect**

- (1) The Secretary of State must undertake a review of how the provisions in this Act may affect businesses whose rateable value is close to £500,000.
- (2) The review must consider the merits of a separate Use Class and associated multiplier for retail services provided by fulfilment warehouses that do not have a material presence on local high streets, to apply in England.
- (3) Experts in the sector must be consulted to inform the review, including but not limited to –
  - (a) the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors;
  - (b) the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation;
  - (c) the Rating Surveyors’ Association.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay the review under subsection (1) before Parliament within six months of the day on which this Act is passed.”

#### COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 13B for the following Reason –*

**13C** *Because the government has already agreed to publish information about the new multipliers and further provision is not necessary.*

**Clause 5**

## LORDS AMENDMENT 15

- 15** Leave out Clause 5

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 15 for the following Reason –*

- 15A** *Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

## LORDS NON-INSISTENCE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE WORDS SO RESTORED TO THE BILL

*The Lords do not insist on their Amendment 15, to which the Commons have disagreed for their Reason 15A, and do propose Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E to the words so restored to the Bill –*

- 15B** Clause 5, page 5, line 14, after “But” insert “the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument provide that”

- 15C** Clause 5, page 6, line 11, at end insert –

“(8) A statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (3) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

- 15D** Clause 5, page 6, line 14, after “But” insert “the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument provide that”

- 15E** Clause 5, page 6, line 18, at end insert –

“(2C) A statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (2A) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

## COMMONS REASON

*The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords non-insistence on their Amendment 15 for the following Reason –*

- 15F** *Because the Lords Amendments interfere with the public revenue and affect the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.*

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