

House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill

COMMONS REASONS

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 49, the Bill as first printed for the Lords]

Clause 1

LORDS AMENDMENT 1

- 1** Leave out Clause 1 and insert the following new Clause –
- “Abolition of by-elections for hereditary peers**
- (1) Section 2 of the House of Lords Act 1999 (exception from section 1) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (2) substitute –
- “(2) No more than 87 people at any one time shall be excepted from section 1.”
- (3) For subsection (4) substitute –
- “(4) Any vacancy resulting from the death, retirement, resignation or expulsion of an excepted person under subsection (2) after the day on which the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Act 2025 comes into force is not to be filled by further exception.””

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

- 1A** *Because the Commons consider that it is more appropriate for section 2 of the House of Lords Act 1999 to be repealed than amended in the manner proposed.*

After Clause 1**LORDS AMENDMENT 2**

2 After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

“Unsalariated Ministers

- (1) No one who is a Minister of the Crown shall be eligible for membership of the House of Lords unless they are in receipt of, or have been offered, a salary under the Ministerial and Other Salaries Act 1975.
- (2) This section does not apply to Ministers of the Crown appointed before the day on which this section comes into effect.”

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

2A *Because the Commons consider that the provision made by the Amendment is inappropriate.*

LORDS AMENDMENT 3

3 After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

“Rights of life peers to sit in the House of Lords

- (1) Section 1 of the Life Peerages Act 1958 (power to confer life peerages) is amended as follows.
- (2) At the end of subsection (1) insert “, and, as the case may be, the incidents specified in subsection (2A) of this section”.
- (3) Omit from “and” in subsection (2)(a) to the end of subsection (2)(b).
- (4) After subsection (2), insert –
 - “(2A) A peerage conferred under this section may, if the letters patent so state, during the life of the person on whom it is conferred, entitle him, subject to subsection (4) of this section, to receive writs of summons to attend the House of Lords and sit and vote therein accordingly, and shall expire on his death.””

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The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 3 for the following Reason –

3A *Because the Commons consider that a person on whom a life peerage is conferred under the Life Peerages Act 1958 should participate in the work of the House of Lords.*

Clause 4**LORDS AMENDMENT 8**

8 Clause 4, page 2, line 18, leave out subsection (4)

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

8A *Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment 1 to which the Commons disagrees.*

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