

Crime and Policing Bill

AMENDMENT
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[Supplementary to the Ninth Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

After Clause 191

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461F★ After Clause 191, insert the following new Clause –

“Guidance on investigation of offences relating to abortion and infanticide

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the commencement of section 191, publish guidance on –
 - (a) the investigation and prosecution of offences under –
 - (i) section 1 of the Infanticide Act 1938, and
 - (ii) any other relevant homicide or infanticide offences, and
 - (b) the handling of cases involving late-gestation terminations, suspected infanticide, or concealment of birth.
- (2) The guidance must have particular regard to –
 - (a) the need to protect children who are capable of being born alive, and
 - (b) the preservation of evidence in potential homicide and infanticide investigations.
- (3) Before issuing guidance under this section, the Secretary of State must consult with such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is intended to clarify and ensure that serious crimes - such as child destruction, infanticide and homicide - must remain investigable, and to provide for clear, public guidance on the same.

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