

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]

After Clause 26

LORD MOYLAN

After Clause 26, insert the following new Clause—

“Parking charges and strategic authorities: restriction of powers

- (1) In section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (designation of paying parking places on highways), after subsection (1A) insert—
 - “(1B) A combined county authority or strategic mayoral authority may not make an order under subsection (1).”
- (2) In section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994 (financial provisions relating to designation orders), after subsection (9) insert—
 - “(9A) A combined county authority or strategic mayoral authority may not undertake any activity provided for under this section.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to prevent mayors of CCAs from increasing charges or penalties for vehicle parking, and from using proceeds of those charges, to ensure local communities maintain control of these matters and cannot be imposed upon.

After Clause 30

LORD HAMPTON

After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause—

“Implementing a Vision Zero programme

Strategic authorities 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.”

LORD HAMPTON

After Clause 30, insert the following new Clause—

“Bus safety performance data

In the Transport Act 2000, after section 144 insert—

“144ZA Bus safety performance data

- (1) Strategic authorities must publish bus safety performance data online every quarter at a minimum.
- (2) Every calendar year, strategic authorities must submit bus safety performance data to an independent auditor to assess the data’s accuracy.
- (3) The independent auditor carrying out an assessment under subsection (2) must publish a report on the data which must be made available on the strategic authority’s website.””

After Clause 68

LORD BLUNKETT

After Clause 68, insert the following new Clause—

“Strategic authorities: joint committee for the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must, by regulations, require all strategic authorities to establish a joint committee for the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles within a strategic authority’s area.
- (2) Joint committees established under subsection (1) must be comprised of councillors from the authorities represented by the strategic authority and within the geographic area of the elected mayor.
- (3) The Secretary of State must ensure joint committees established under subsection (1) have the power to—
 - (a) grant,
 - (b) suspend,
 - (c) revoke, and
 - (d) renew
regulated licences for taxis and private hire vehicles.
- (4) All decisions related to the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles within a strategic authority’s area must be made by the joint committee, unless the joint committee has delegated licensing power to another licensing authority.

(5) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to clarify the democratic oversight of the licensing function, because it is designated to transport authorities and in combined mayoral areas the transport function is assigned to the combined authority.

Clause 72

LORD BLUNKETT

Clause 72, page 68, line 35, after "means" insert "—

- (a) a joint committee established under section (*Strategic authorities: joint committee for the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles*), or"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is related to another amendment in Lord Blunkett's name, which seeks to establish joint committees for the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles in strategic authority areas.

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