



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
23 February 2022 for Consideration Stage

Clause 1

The Member listed below gives notice of her intention to oppose the question that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Ms Clare Bailey [R]

Clause 2, Page 1, Line 8

Leave out from second 'are' to end of line 10 and insert -
'satisfy conditions 1 and 2.'

(2) Condition 1 is that they are premises where provision is made, or proposed to be made, for treatment for the lawful termination of pregnancy in accordance with the Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No.2) Regulations 2020.

(3) Condition 2 is that the operator of the premises has given notice to the Department that the operator wishes the premises to be protected premises.'

Ms Clare Bailey [R]

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 3

Leave out subsections (4) and (5) and insert -

'(4) Condition 3 is that the operator of the premises has given notice to the Department that the operator wishes the premises to be protected premises.'

Ms Clare Bailey [R]

New Clause

After clause 5 insert -

‘Establishment of safe access zone

5A.—(1) A safe access zone is established for protected premises in accordance with this section.

(2) Except as provided by subsection (3), the safe access zone for protected premises consists of—

(a) the protected premises; and

(b) the public area outside the protected premises which lies within 100 metres from each entrance to, or exit from, those premises.

(3) If the operator of any protected premises is of the opinion that the public area mentioned in subsection (2)(b) is not adequate to afford safe access to the premises for protected persons, the operator may give notice to the Department that it wishes the public area so mentioned to be extended by a specified distance not exceeding 150 metres.

(4) On receipt of a notice under section 2A(3) relating to any premises, the Department must include an entry relating to those premises in the list maintained by it under section 8A; and a safe access zone is established in relation to those premises on publication of that entry under section 8A.

(5) On receipt of a notice under subsection (3) relating to any premises, the Department must amend any entry in the list published by it under section 8A which relates to the premises; and the extended safe access zone is established in relation to those premises on publication of the amended entry under section 8A.

(6) In this section “public area” means a place to which the public has access, without payment, as of right.’

Ms Clare Bailey [R]

New Clause

After clause 8 insert -

‘Publication of list of protected premises and safe access zones

8A. The Department must maintain and publish, in such manner as it thinks appropriate, a list of all premises which are for the time being protected premises for the purposes of this Act together with, in the case of each premises, an indication of the extent of the safe access zones established for the premises under section 5A.’

Ms Clare Bailey [R]

Clause 11, Page 4, Line 21

At end insert -

‘(2) In this Act a reference to “premises” is to be read—

(a) as including a reference to the land on which the premises are situated; and

(b) in the case of premises which form part only of a building, as a reference to the whole building.

(3) For the purposes of this Act a person is attending protected premises if the person is accessing or leaving, or attempting to access or leave, those premises.’

Ms Clare Bailey [R]