Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

Marshalled List of Amendments selected for Stage 3

The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Sections 1 to 8 Long Title

Amendments marked * are new (including manuscript amendments) or have been altered.

Section 1

Neil Bibby
1 In section 1, page 4, line 19, after <operators> insert <and relevant trade unions>

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2 In section 1, page 4, line 37, at end insert—

<(4) An agreement reached under subsection (1) must include arrangements for
constables, who are assigned duties that relate to the policing of railways and
railway property, to have completed personal track safety training.

(5) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations—

(a) specify the level of personal track safety training to be completed by
constables under subsection (4), and

(b) define the circumstances which require a constable to compete personal
track safety training.>

Neil Bibby
3 In section 1, page 5, line 10, at end insert—

<(da) relevant trade unions, and>

Neil Bibby
4 In section 1, page 5, line 32, at end insert—

<“relevant trade unions” means those trade unions which are recognised to
represent in negotiations with employers—

(a) employees of Network Rail,

(b) employees of railway operators,

(c) constables.>

After section 2

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5 After section 2, insert—
Training in relation to policing of railways and railway property

After section 21 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (direction and control of the police service), insert—

“21A Policing of railways and railway property

(1) The chief constable must ensure that constables assigned duties that relate to the policing of railways or railway property receive the necessary training to police railways and railway property.

(2) Training provided to police railways and railway property under subsection (1) must include the completion of personal track safety training.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must by regulations specify the level of personal track safety training to be completed by constables under subsection (2).

(4) Prior to making regulations under subsection (3), the Scottish Ministers must consult—

(a) the Office of Rail and Road,

(b) Network Rail,

(c) the Scottish Police Authority,

(d) the chief constable of Police Scotland,

(e) relevant trade unions,

(f) such other bodies as the Scottish Ministers may determine.

(5) In this section, “relevant trade unions” means those trade unions which are recognised to represent in negotiations with employers—

(a) employees of Network Rail,

(b) employees of railway operators,

(c) constables.”

After section 6

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6 After section 6, insert—

<Review of operation of Act

(1) The Parliament must make arrangements to appoint a body independent of the Parliament to report on the operation of this Act during the review period.

(2) In this section, the “review period” means the period—

(a) beginning on the day on which section 4 of this Act comes into force, and

(b) ending 12 months after that day or on such earlier day as may be determined by the body appointed under subsection (1).

(3) A report under subsection (1)—

(a) may be made in such form and manner as the body appointed under subsection (1) considers appropriate, but

(b) must be made no later than 6 months after the end of the review period.
(4) The Scottish Ministers must, no later than 6 months after the report under subsection (3) has been made, lay before the Parliament a report setting out—
   (a) their response to the report under subsection (1), and
   (b) what plans they have for the future operation of this Act.

(5) In preparing a report under subsection (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult the Parliament.

(6) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision for modifications to this Act identified as being required by the report laid before the Parliament under subsection (4).

(7) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.

Section 7

Liam McArthur

7 In section 7, page 8, line 15, after <appoint> insert <but no sooner than 1 April 2027>