

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill — Stage 2

Before section 1

Rachael Hamilton

42 Before section 1, insert—

<Purpose

Purpose of the Act

The purpose of this Act is to protect the right of—

- (a) persons to safely access abortion services, a form of essential healthcare, without fear of intimidation or harassment, and
- (b) persons providing or facilitating the provision of abortion services to be able to access their place of work without fear of intimidation or harassment.>

Section 2

Rachael Hamilton

43 In section 2, page 1, line 17, leave out <200> and insert <150>

Section 3

Emma Harper

44 In section 3, page 3, line 5, leave out from <to> to end of line 9

Emma Harper

45 In section 3, page 3, line 14, leave out from <to> to end of line 18 and insert—

- <() Where the Scottish Ministers update the list in accordance with subsection (3) or (4), the day specified for the purposes of section 2(4)(e) as the day on which the safe access zone takes effect must be no earlier than the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the list is updated.>

After section 5

Rachael Hamilton

46 After section 5, insert—

<Offence of filming a person in a safe access zone

It is an offence for a person to film any person without their consent if the person does so with the intention of, or is reckless as to whether doing so has the effect of—

- (a) influencing the decision of another person to access, provide or facilitate the provision of abortion services at the protected premises,

- (b) preventing or impeding another person from accessing, providing or facilitating the provision of abortion services at the protected premises, or
- (c) causing harassment, alarm or distress to another person in connection with the other person's decision to access, provide or facilitate the provision of abortion services at the protected premises,

where in each case the other person is in the safe access zone for the protected premises for the purpose of accessing, providing or facilitating the provision of abortion services at the protected premises.>

Section 7

Emma Harper

47 In section 7, page 5, line 26, leave out from <to> to end of line 30 and insert—

- <() Where the Scottish Ministers update the list in accordance with subsection (7), the day specified for the purposes of section 2(4)(e) as the day on which the extended safe access zone takes effect must be no earlier than the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the list is updated.>

Section 8

Emma Harper

48 In section 8, page 5, line 36, leave out from <to> to end of line 41 and insert—

- <() Where the Scottish Ministers update the list in accordance with subsection (2), the day specified for the purposes of section 2(4)(e) as the day on which the reduced safe access zone takes effect must be no earlier than the day on which the list is updated.>

Section 9

Emma Harper

49 In section 9, page 6, line 8, leave out from first <to> to end of line 10

After section 11

Rachael Hamilton

50 After section 11, insert—

<Reporting

Report on effectiveness of safe access zones

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, at the end of each reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the effectiveness of safe access zones.

- (2) A report under subsection (1) must include, for each safe access zone for a protected premises, whether, in the opinion of the Scottish Ministers, the safe access zone has been effective in protecting the right of—
 - (a) persons to safely access abortion services, a form of essential healthcare, without fear of intimidation or harassment, and
 - (b) persons providing or facilitating the provision of abortion services to be able to access their place of work without fear of intimidation or harassment.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a reporting period is—
 - (a) the period of one year beginning with the day on which section 2 comes into force,
 - (b) each subsequent period of one year.>