

WELFARE OF DOGS (SCOTLAND) BILL
AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED AT STAGE 2

In section 2, page 2, line 1 leave out <is to> and insert <must>.

Effect

This amendment replaces the words “is to” with “must” in the first line of section 2(2) of the Bill.

Reason

We consider that using the word “must” in this context is clearer and would be easier for members of the public to understand what is intended by the Bill.

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In section 4, page 3, line 3 leave out <is to> and insert <must>.

Effect

This amendment replaces the words “is to” with “must” in the first line of section 4(2) of the Bill.

Reason

We consider that using the word “must” in this context is clearer and would be easier for members of the public to understand the requirements in relation to the certificate.

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In section 4, page 3, line 5

leave out <are then to> and insert <must>.

Effect

This amendment replaces the words “are then to” with “must” in the last line of section 4(2) of the Bill.

Reason

We consider that using the word “must” in this context is clearer and would be easier for members of the public to understand the requirements in relation to the certificate.

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In section 4, page 3, line 19 leave out <is to> and insert <must>.

Effect

This amendment replaces the words “is to” with “must” in the last line of section 4(5) of the Bill.

Reason

We consider that using the word “must” in this context is clearer and would be easier for members of the public to understand the requirements in relation to the certificate.

This would also ensure consistency with the drafting of section 4(4), which provides that “The certificate must—”.

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In section 5, page 3, line 32

Leave out subsection (6).

Effect

This amendment removes section 5(6) from the Bill.

Reason

Section 5 sets out the process for how the Scottish Ministers can revise the code of practice. Subsection (5) requires the Scottish Ministers to re-publish the revised code of practice whenever it is revised. However, subsection (6) provides that the Scottish Ministers do not need to do so if they “consider that none of the revisions materially alters the effect of the code of practice”.

We consider that a revised code of practice must be published and made available to the public, regardless of whether the changes “materially alter the effect of the code of practice”.

We therefore consider that section 5(6) should be removed from the Bill.