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Provide for the Secretary of State to draw up a plan to prohibit piped music and the showing of television programmes in the public areas of hospitals and on public transport; and to require the wearing of headphones by persons listening to music in the public areas of hospitals and on public transport.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Piped music and showing of television programmes plan

- (1) The Secretary of State shall, within two years of the coming into force of this Act, draw up a plan setting out the measures he will take to—
- (a) prohibit piped music and the showing of television programmes in the public areas of hospitals; 5
 - (b) prohibit piped music and the showing of television programmes on all public transport journeys less than fifty miles;
 - (c) require the wearing of headphones by persons listening to music in the public areas of hospitals;
 - (d) require the wearing of headphones by persons listening to music on all public transport journeys over fifty miles, 10
in the United Kingdom.
- (2) In preparing the plan the Secretary of State shall consult—
- (a) such organisations as appear to him to represent— 15
 - (i) local authorities;
 - (ii) the interests of business;
 - (iii) the interests of users of, and workers in, hospitals;
 - (iv) the interests of users of, and workers on, public transport; and
 - (b) such other persons as he thinks fit.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall— 20
- (a) as soon as is practicable after completion of the plan, lay the plan before each House of Parliament; and

- (b) consider any matters arising from any debate that takes place in either House of Parliament on the plan.

2 Exceptions

The plan under section 1 shall provide exceptions for –

- (a) television programmes shown for the purpose of safeguarding the welfare of users of hospitals or travellers on public transport; 5
- (b) such other showings of television programmes in the public areas of hospitals and on public transport as the Secretary of State considers to be in the public interest.

3 Interpretation

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In this Act –

“piped music” means pre-recorded background music played through loudspeakers;

“public areas of hospitals” means the areas of hospitals to which the public or a section of the public have access, but does not include in-patient wards; 15

“public transport” means every type of vehicle open to the public, including aircraft flying between airports both of which are situated in the United Kingdom.

4 Citation and extent

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the Piped Music and Showing of Television Programmes Act 2006.
- (2) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

Piped Music and Showing of Television Programmes Bill [HL]

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