

Enterprise Bill
Consideration on Report

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Clause 33, page 51, leave out lines 3 to 13 and insert—

- “2A (1) The Sunday trading authority for an area may publish a notice (a “consent notice”) in accordance with this paragraph providing for large shops in tourist zones (as defined in sub-paragraph (2)) in the authority’s area to be permitted to do either or both of the following—
- (a) to open on Sundays falling between 21 March and 1 October and on the three Sundays before Christmas day for a continuous period of whatever number of hours is specified in the notice (in addition to the continuous period of six hours mentioned in paragraph 2(3));
 - (b) to open on Sundays falling between 21 March and 1 October and on the three Sundays at specified times beginning earlier than, or ending later than, the times mentioned in paragraph 2(3).
- (2) A consent notice published by a Sunday trading authority may only apply in relation to those parts of the authority’s area that is a “tourist zone” which is defined as:
- (a) a retail area where tourists from outside the United Kingdom are responsible for a significant proportion of the retail sales, or
 - (b) a leisure and retail area, such as a coastal resort, which a significant number of tourists from outside the local authority area visit
- and in deciding what is significant in either case the local authority shall have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment would allow the relaxation in Sunday opening hours for larger shops to apply between Easter and the end of September and before Christmas to areas that attract significant numbers of tourists, such as central London and coastal resorts.