

Live Music Bill

Government Consultation on the Licensing Act

The Government has announced another consultation on the Licensing Act. This one proposes that pubs, clubs and other small venues offering live music should no longer have to apply for an entertainment license. If you agree, please share this information and send your opinions to :

regulated_entertainment_consultation@culture.gsi.gov.uk

A suggested format appears below, please feel free to copy and paste it if it saves you time.

I am writing to voice my own support for the proposals to cut red tape for live music.

I remain of the opinion that the inclusion of regulated entertainment in the Licensing Act 2003 is not necessary and that its inclusion has greatly increased bureaucracy for very little benefit to the licensing objectives.

.At the very least, I hope that this consultation will result in an exemption for small venues putting on live music with fewer than 200 people in attendance. I also support the proposals outlined in Lord Clement-Jones' Live Music Bill.

6th March 2011 - The Publican [reports](#):

Live Music Bill gets government backing

Baroness Rawlings, a government spokesperson, told the House of Lords the coalition will help the private members' Bill become law, but with caveats.

The Bill, tabled by Lib Dem Lord Clement-Jones, includes plans to offer a licensing exemption to pubs that host gigs attracting an audience of 200 or fewer. It tallies with The Publican's own Listen Up! campaign.

But Baroness Rawlings said certain criteria had to be met for the Bill to get the coalition's full support...

Lord Clement-Jones said he was "delighted" the Bill had received such a "positive reception".

He later added: "The Live Music Bill will benefit hundreds of small pubs, restaurants and church and community halls who want live music at their venue by generally removing the need to apply for a complicated licence.

"I'm glad the government has responded so positively to this Bill and I look forward to working with them to fulfil the coalition agreement's pledge to put an end to red tape and bureaucracy."