Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2015 Debate and voting arrangements

Object of the Bill:

To amend the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95) ("the Ordinance") to empower the Chief Executive in Council ("CE in Council") to make regulations for a scheme for fire safety risk assessment, and certification on compliance with fire safety requirements, by registered fire engineers ("RFEs") for certain premises and for regulating RFEs ("the proposed Scheme"), and to make related, consequential and other minor amendments.

First debate	: Clauses with no amendment - Clauses 1, 3, 6 and 8		
Voting	To vote on the above clauses standing part of the Bill		
Second debate	: Clauses of Hon WONG – Clauses 2, 4 and 7 and Part 4 Yuk-man's 1st group of amendments		

Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments thereto.

Debate theme: Implementation and scope of application of the proposed Scheme

Clause 4

To delete the proposed new definitions of "RFE (risk assessment)", "RFE (fire service installation)" and "RFE (ventilating system)".

Clauses 2 and 7 and Part 4

To delete the proposed Part 4, which covers clauses 9 to 20 containing related and consequential amendments to certain enactments governing the licensing process of some of the prescribed premises to which the proposed Scheme would be applicable, and to consequentially amend the proposed clauses 2 and 7(3).

Mover	Voting	Remarks	Amendment(s)
Hon WONG Yuk-man	Mr WONG's 1st group of amendments	Irrespective of whether Mr WONG's 1st group of amendments are passed or not , the Secretary for Security ("S for S") may move his amendments below.	LC Paper No. <u>CB(3) 745/15-16</u>

Third debate : Clause of S for S's - Clause 5 amendments and Hon WONG Yuk-man's 2nd group of amendments

Joint debate on the original clause and the amendments thereto.

Debate theme: Regulations subject to the approval of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") under the positive vetting procedure

Clause 5

Clause 5 of the Bill proposes to amend section 25 of the Ordinance to empower CE in Council to make regulations for the implementation details of the proposed Scheme (i.e. the proposed sections 25(1)(ga) to (gi) of the Ordinance, which include RFEs' registration, duties and qualifications, their inclusion in and removal from the register, the disciplinary and appeal mechanisms, and the issue of codes of practice).

- S for S's amendments
 - S's: To add new section 25(1)(gab) which covers matters relating to fees for RFEs' registration and de-registration transferred from the proposed section 25(1)(ga); and
 - to add new section 25(4) to provide that except the regulations on matters under the proposed section 25(1)(gab), the regulations made on matters relating to RFEs under section 25(1)(ga) as amended and the above proposed section 25(1)(gb) to (gi) of the Ordinance are subject to LegCo's approval under the positive vetting procedure.
- Hon WONG
 Yuk-man's
 2nd group of
 amendments
- Except S for S's amendment on newly added section 25(4), Hon
 WONG Yuk-man's 2nd group of amendments are the same as
 S for S's above amendments.

Mover	Voting	Remarks	Amendment(s)
S for S	S for S's amendments	Irrespective of whether S for S's amendments are passed or not, Mr WONG may not move his 2nd group of amendments.	LC Paper No. <u>CB(3) 718/15-16</u>

S for S's amendments

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Hon WONG Yuk-man's amendments

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