

4. BILLS FOR THIRD READING

**4.1. Regulation of Care (Amendment) Bill 2019 –
Third Reading approved**

Mr Ashford to move:

That the Regulation of Care (Amendment) Bill 2019 be read for a third time.

The Speaker: Item 4, Bills for Third Reading, Regulation of Care (Amendment) Bill 2019, and I call on Mr Ashford to move.

Mr Ashford: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I am pleased to move the Third Reading of the Regulation of Care (Amendment) Bill 2019. I am grateful to Hon. Members for the careful consideration and support that has been given to this Bill during the Second Reading and clauses stage.

To recap, Mr Speaker, the Regulation of Care Act 2013 as drafted inadvertently captures employment agencies that introduce or supply doctors, nurses or midwives to work solely for the Department of Health and Social Care to register with the Department's Registration Inspection Unit in accordance with the provisions of the Act. For the purpose of ensuring that the Department continues to have the ability to recruit temporary medical staff, this Bill corrects the anomaly.

Thus the definitions of an 'independent medical agency' and a 'nurses' agency' in sections 28 and 29 respectively of the Act are being amended so that businesses introducing or supplying doctors, nurses or midwives to the Department will be excepted from the requirement to register.

Mr Speaker, at this point, I would also like to thank my seconder throughout this process, the Hon. Member for Douglas Central, Mrs Corlett – in anticipation of her seconding the Third Reading!

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Regulation of Care (Amendment) Bill 2019 be read for a third time.

The Speaker: Now, Mrs Corlett – sticking with the Bill?

A Member: Hear, hear.

Mrs Corlett: Thank you, Mr Speaker.
I *do* beg to second. Thank you.

The Speaker: If no other Member wishes to speak, I put the question that the Regulation of Care (Amendment) Bill 2019 be read for a third time. Those in favour, please say; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.