



## Ten Minute Rule Bills Reaching Royal Assent Since 1945

### Parliamentary Information List

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Session	Bill	Member
1950-51	Criminal Law Amendment	Barbara Castle
1951-52	Corneal Grafting Cremation Disposal of Uncollected Goods	Sir Herbert Williams Joseph Reeves Elaine Burton
1952-53	Accommodation Agencies Slaughter of Animals (Pigs)	Sir Geoffrey Hutchinson Ralph Rayner
1953-54	Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards)	Irene Ward
1954-55	Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions)	Frederick Erroll
1955-56	Children and Young Persons Marriage (Scotland) Occasional Licences and Young Persons	William Hannan/Cyril Bence Charles Royle
1956-57	Cheques (No 2) Thermal Insulation (Industrial Buildings)	Graham Page Sir Gerald Nabarro
1957-58	First Offenders <a href="#">Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act 1948 (Amendment)</a> <a href="#">Interest on Damages (Scotland)</a> Litter Medical Act 1956 (Amendment) Physical Training and Recreation Road Transport Lighting (Amendment)	Sir George Benson Fred Mulley Eustace G Willis Rupert Speir J B Hynd Sir Spencer Summers Gresham Cooke
1958-59	<a href="#">Eisteddfod</a> Housing (Underground Rooms) <a href="#">Obscene Publications</a> Police Federation <a href="#">Restriction of Offensive Weapons</a>	Peter J M Thomas Roy Jenkins Roy Jenkins James Callaghan Sir Barnet Janner
1959-60	Adoption Oil Burners (Standards)	John Parker Sir Gerald Nabarro
1960-61	<a href="#">Companies (Floating Charges) (Scotland)</a> <a href="#">Restriction of Offensive Weapons</a>	Alexander Hendry Sir Barnett Janner
1961-62	<a href="#">Penalties for Drunkenness</a>	Dame Irene Ward
1963-64	British Nationality (No 2) <a href="#">Law of Property (Joint Tenants)</a> <a href="#">Local Government (Development and Finance) (Scotland)</a> New Towns (No 2) Young Persons (Employment)	John Parker Sir Barnett Janner Forbes Hendry Martin Maddan Joan Vickers
1964-65	<a href="#">Merchant Shipping</a> <a href="#">Shops (Early Closing Days)</a>	George Jeger R E Winterbottom
1966-67	<a href="#">Farm and Garden Chemicals</a> <a href="#">Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod</a> Sexual Offences (No 2) Vessels Protection	Joyce Butler J Idwal Jones Leo Abse R Gresham Cooke
1967-68	Design Copyright <a href="#">Hearing Aid Council</a> <a href="#">Highlands and Islands Development (Scotland)</a>	Jill Knight Laurie Pavitt Robert Maclennan
1968-69	<a href="#">Architects Registration (Amendment)</a>	Arnold Shaw

	Licensing (Scotland) National Mod (Scotland) <a href="#">Tattooing of Minors</a>	Margaret Herbison R Johnston Martin Maddan
1969-70	<a href="#">Trees</a>	Duncan Sandys
1972-73	<a href="#">Breeding of Dogs</a> <a href="#">London Cab</a> Rate Rebate	Gordon Oakes Geoffrey Finsberg Phillip Whitehead
1980-81	<a href="#">Transport Act 1962 (Amendment)</a>	Tony Speller
1982-83	<a href="#">Solvent Abuse (Scotland)</a>	David Marshall
1984-85	<a href="#">Rent (Amendment)</a> <a href="#">Town and Country Planning (Amendment)</a>	Michael Mates Roger Freeman
1992-93	<a href="#">Local Government (Amendment)</a>	Neil Gerrard
1994-95	<a href="#">Building Societies (Joint Account Holders)</a> <a href="#">Landlord &amp; Tenant (Covenants)</a> <a href="#">Land Registers (Scotland)</a>	Douglas French Peter Thurnham Bill Walker
1995-96	<a href="#">Public Order (Amendment)</a>	Estelle Morris
1996-97	<a href="#">Building Societies (Distributions)</a>	Douglas French
1997-98	<a href="#">Animal Health (Amendment)</a>	Paul Flynn
2001-02	<a href="#">Divorce (Religious Marriages)</a> <a href="#">Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.)</a>	Andrew Dismore Neil Gerrard

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