**CREATING NEW LAWS ABOUT THE REGULATION OF SKATEBOARDS**

You have been asked to draft a Bill (a draft law), to be introduced into Parliament, for the regulation of skateboards.

The Bill should implement the proposed new scheme set out below.

The proposed new scheme

A person who has a skateboard in their possession, or uses a skateboard, in England must have a licence.

The local authority will grant licences.

A licence will last for one year.

The local authority is to set the fee for a licence, which must be calculated so as to cover the expected costs of the licensing regime (and not to make a profit).

A licence may be granted subject to conditions, for example about the times at which or kinds of places at which a skateboard may be used, or the number of skateboards that a person may possess. A condition may be imposed only for the purposes of public safety.

A person who applies for a licence may appeal to the county court against a decision of the local authority to refuse the licence or to impose a condition. On an appeal, the court may modify a condition (or reject the appeal, or allow the appeal in its entirety).

The local authority may cancel a licence if the person to whom the licence has been granted behaves in a disorderly or dangerous manner when using a skateboard. There is a right of appeal to the county court against a cancellation of a licence.

A person who possesses or uses a skateboard without a licence, or in contravention of a licence condition, commits an offence. The offence should be a summary offence, with a penalty of a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Could you please provide a power of the Secretary of State to make regulations providing for the giving of a fixed penalty notice in respect of the new offence. The regulations are to be subject to the negative procedure. A fixed penalty notice should be given by the local authority. Monies received by local authorities pursuant to such notices should be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Helpful information

The Guide to Common Legislative Solutions (available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-legislative-solutions-a-guide-to-tackling-recurring-policy-issues-in-legislation>)

describes the components of various common types of laws, including licensing (p. 42).

At the end of the section on licensing, there are a number of examples of Acts containing licensing schemes. The text of these Acts can be found at legislation.gov.uk

Here is guidance on the drafting style for Bills for the UK Parliament: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drafting-bills-for-parliament>

Here is an example of a relatively simply self-contained Act of the UK Parliament:

Sunbeds (Regulation) Act 2010 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/20/contents>