

Sunbeds Bill 2012
Second Reading approved

3.1. Mrs Cannell to move:

That the Sunbeds Bill 2012 be read the second time.

The Deputy Speaker: We now move on to Item 3, Bills for Second Reading, and I call upon the Member for Douglas East, Mrs Cannell.

Mrs Cannell: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The Bill before Hon. Members is a stand-alone Bill, the provisions of which initially started life in the Public Health (Amendment) Bill, which has been on the legislative programme for some time.

This Bill introduces provisions for the control of sunbeds, particularly for the use by under-18-year-olds. There has been a proliferation in the Island of unsupervised sunbed salons in recent years, and advice given to those operating them have largely been ignored.

The World Health Organisation recommended in 2005 that no one under the age of 18 years should use a sunbed and that guidelines and legislation to reduce the risks associated with sunbed use was required. A growth in the availability of sunbeds, combined with the desire and fashion to have a tan are considered to be the prime reasons for increased incidences of skin cancer in developed countries. This Bill is intended to protect the future health of the young people of the Island by regulating the use of sunbeds and ensuring that detailed guidelines are in place.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that this Bill be read a second time.

The Deputy Speaker: The question is that the Bill be read –

Two Members: A seconder?

The Deputy Speaker: I was looking for a seconder around the room, but I could not find one. Yes, Mrs Beecroft.

Mrs Beecroft: I beg to second, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, Mrs Beecroft.

The question is that the Bill be read a second time. All those in favour, say aye; those against, say no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.