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ALMR: Live Music Bill hits the right note for pubs

ALMR welcomes red tape-busting Bill as it nears its final hurdle in Parliament

The Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers (*ALMR*), has today welcomed news of a Bill, which will make it easier for pubs to host gigs, successfully passing its final stage in the House of Commons on its way to becoming law.

If the Live Music Bill receives Royal Assent, which is now highly likely, it will mean pubs hosting gigs that attract an audience of 200 or fewer will no longer require a separate condition on their licence.

Commenting on today's result, Kate Nicholls, *ALMR* Strategic Affairs Director, said: "For a private members Bill to reach this far in the House is a tremendous achievement for all involved. The *ALMR* has been supportive of this Bill and we are delighted the Coalition government has recognised its importance.

"We look forward to more small venues being able to host musicians and bands, helping them on their first step to stardom, as so many pubs have done in the past. This really strikes the right note for not just the pub industry, but also the music industry, both of which generate huge sums of money for the economy and add to the cultural well-being of communities across the UK."

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Notes to editors

- The *ALMR* is the only national trade body dedicated to representing the interests of modern bar and pub restaurant operators. Between them, our members operate just under 11,000 outlets.
- For full details of the Live Music Bill click [here](#)
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