These notes refer to the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 17 September 2014

# HOUSING (WALES) ACT 2014

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

### Part 1 Regulation of Private Rented Housing

#### Section 40 – Code of practice

- 99. The Welsh Ministers must issue a code of practice which sets standards relating to letting and managing rental properties. The code may include standards relating to training. Compliance with the code is one of the conditions on which a licence is held (see section 22).
- 100. Before issuing a code, the Welsh Ministers must take reasonable steps to consult with persons involved in letting and managing rental properties and persons occupying such properties, or with persons who the Welsh Ministers consider to represent the views of those persons. A copy of the proposed code must be laid before the National Assembly for Wales and cannot be issued until it has been approved by the Assembly. The code can be amended but the same process applies. A code may be withdrawn in an amended code or by direction given by the Welsh Ministers.