These notes refer to the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 18 January 2016

# **RENTING HOMES (WALES) ACT 2016**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2 - Occupation contracts and Landlords**

#### **Chapter 1 - Occupation Contracts**

#### Section 7 – Tenancies and licences that are occupation contracts

- 31. Section 7 sets out the basic proposition which underpins the Act, and which is considered above in relation to Part 1; most tenancies and licences under which people rent their homes will be occupation contracts.
- 32. The effect of subsections (1) to (3) is that a tenancy or licence is an occupation contract if it allows at least one individual over the age of 18 to occupy a dwelling as a home, and someone is paying rent (or 'other consideration'; for example, doing something equivalent to paying rent, such as providing a service to the landlord) in exchange for that individual's right to live in the dwelling.
- 33. Schedule 2 sets out a number of exceptions and qualifications to the basic proposition in section 7.