



# Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

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### PART 2

#### TENANTS OF SOCIAL LANDLORDS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### SCOTTISH SECURE TENANCIES

##### *Creation and termination of tenancy*

#### **17 Abandoned tenancies**

- (1) This section applies where a landlord under a Scottish secure tenancy has reasonable grounds for believing that—
  - (a) the house is unoccupied, and
  - (b) the tenant does not intend to occupy it as the tenant's home.
- (2) The landlord may enter the house at any time for the purpose of securing the house and any fittings, fixtures or furniture against vandalism.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the landlord and its servants or agents may open, by force if necessary, doors and lockfast places.
- (4) The landlord may take possession of the house in accordance with section 18.