



Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016

2016 anaw 1

PART 9

TERMINATION ETC. OF OCCUPATION CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 12

POSSESSION CLAIMS: POWERS OF COURT IN RELATION TO ABSOLUTE GROUNDS

(THIS CHAPTER APPLIES ONLY TO STANDARD CONTRACTS)

Retaliatory eviction: absolute ground that becomes a discretionary ground

217 Retaliatory possession claims to avoid obligations to repair etc.

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a landlord under a standard contract makes a possession claim on the ground in section 178 or section 199 (landlord's notice), and
 - (b) the court considers that the claim is a retaliatory claim.
- (2) The court may refuse to make an order for possession.
- (3) A possession claim is a retaliatory claim if—
 - (a) the contract-holder has enforced or relied on the landlord's obligations under section 91 or 92, and
 - (b) the court is satisfied that the landlord has made the possession claim to avoid complying with those obligations.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations amend this section for the purpose of providing for further descriptions of retaliatory claim.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

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- s. 20(3)(ma) inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 135(2)(ia) inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 186A-186C inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 198A inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 5](#)