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# Housing Act 1985

## **1985 CHAPTER 68**

#### **PART IV**

#### SECURE TENANCIES AND RIGHTS OF SECURE TENANTS

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### **Textual Amendments**

S. 107 repealed by Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42, SIF 61), ss. 168(4), 194(4), **Sch.** 12 Pt. II

## 108 Heating charges

- (1) This section applies to secure tenants of dwelling-houses to which a heating authority supply heat produced at a heating installation.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations require heating authorities to adopt such methods for determining heating charges payable by such tenants as will secure that the proportion of heating costs borne by each of those tenants is no greater than is reasonable.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for entitling such tenants, subject to and in accordance with the regulations, to require the heating authority—
  - (a) to give them, in such form as may be prescribed by the regulations, such information as to heating charges and heating costs as may be so prescribed, and
  - (b) where such information has been given, to afford them reasonable facilities for inspecting the accounts, receipts and other documents supporting the information and for taking copies or extracts from them.

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#### (4) Regulations under this section—

- (a) May make different provision with respect to different cases or descriptions of case, including different provision for different areas;
- (b) may make such procedural, incidental, supplementary and transitional provision as appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient, and may in particular provide for any question arising under the regulations to be referred to and determined by the county court; and
- (c) shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

#### (5) In this section—

- (a) "heating authority" means a housing authority [F2 or housing action trust] who operate a heating installation and supply to premises heat produced at the installation;
- (b) "heating installation" means a generating station or other installation for producing heat;
- (c) references to heat produced at an installation include steam produced from, and air and water heated by, heat so produced;
- (d) "heating charge" means an amount payable to a heating authority in respect of heat produced at a heating installation and supplied to premises, including in the case of heat supplied to premises let by the authority such an amount payable as part of the rent;
- (e) "heating costs" means expenses incurred by a heating authority in operating a heating installation.

#### **Textual Amendments**

F2 Words inserted by Housing Act 1988 (c. 50, SIF 61), s. 83(3)

#### 109 Provisions not applying to tenancies of co-operative housing associations.

Sections 91 to 108 (assignment and subletting, repairs and improvements, variation of terms, provision of information and consultation, contributions to costs of transfers and heating charges) do not apply to a tenancy when the interest of the landlord belongs to a co-operative housing association.

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