



# Housing Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 50

An Act to make further provision with respect to dwelling-houses let on tenancies or occupied under licences; to amend the Rent Act 1977 and the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976; to establish a body, Housing for Wales, having functions relating to housing associations; to amend the Housing Associations Act 1985 and to repeal and re-enact with amendments certain provisions of Part II of that Act; to make provision for the establishment of housing action trusts for areas designated by the Secretary of State; to confer on persons approved for the purpose the right to acquire from public sector landlords certain dwelling-houses occupied by secure tenants; to make further provision about rent officers, the administration of housing benefit and rent allowance subsidy, the right to buy, repair notices and certain disposals of land and the application of capital money arising thereon; to make provision consequential upon the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988; and for connected purposes. [15th November 1988]

<sup>X1</sup>Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Editorial Information

- X1** The text of ss. 1–45, 115–121, 138–141, Schs. 1–4, 13, 14, Sch. 17 paras. 1–17, 21–26, 29–36, 67–76, 81–88, 90, 98–100, 114, Sch. 18 was taken from S.I.F. Group 75:1(Landlord and Tenant: General, England and Wales); the text of ss. 46–114, 121–141, Schs. 5–12, 15–18 was taken from S.I.F. Group 61 (Housing); provisions omitted from S.I.F. have been dealt with as referred to in other commentary

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act restricted (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 4(5), **Sch. 1 para. 6(1)(b)**; S.I. 1993/1655, **art. 2**
- C2** Act excluded (10.11.1993) by 1993 c. 28, s. 169, **Sch. 20 Pt. II para.8**; S.I. 1993/2762, **art. 3**
- Act excluded (1.10.1998) by 1975 c. 70, **Sch. 4 Pt. IV para. 16** (as inserted (1.10.1998) by 1998 c. 38, s. 127, **Sch. 13 para. 3** (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1998/2244, **art. 4**
- Act excluded (25.11.1999 for the purposes of regional development agencies established on that date, otherwise 3.7.2000) by 1998 c. 45, s. 23, **Sch. 6 para. 5**; S.I. 1998/2952, **art. 2(2)**; S.I. 2000/1173, **art. 2**

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**C3** Act: certain functions of a Minister of the Crown in so far as exercisable in relation to Wales transferred to the National Assembly for Wales (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172](#) Regulations