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Renters' Rights Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Renters' Rights Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

★ New Amendments.

☆ Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance.

New Amendments: 41 to 77 and NC2 to NC7

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert “unless the tenant meets the student test where the tenancy is entered into.

(1A) For the purposes of this section, a tenant who meets the student test when a tenancy is entered into has the same meaning as in Ground 4A.”

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert—

“, unless the landlord and the tenant mutually agree to have a fixed term during which period the landlord agrees to suspend the ability to seek possession under Ground 1 (Occupation by landlord or family), Ground 1A (Sale of dwelling-house) or Ground 6 (Redevelopment) of Schedule 2.

(1A) During a fixed term tenancy agreed under subsection (1) the landlord shall not be entitled to increase the rent as provided for by section 13.”

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 4, page 4, leave out lines 35 to 37 and insert—

“(a) omit subsection (3);

- (b) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) omit “Part II of”; and
 - (ii) omit “, subject to subsections (5A) and (6) below,”

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 4, page 5, line 40, at end insert—

“(fa) after subsection (5A), insert—

“(5B) Where the court makes an order for possession on grounds 1 or 1A in Schedule 2 to this Act (whether with or without other grounds), the order shall include a requirement on the landlord to file and serve evidence no later than sixteen weeks from the date of the order.

(5C) Evidence provided under subsection (5B) must—

(a) provide details of—

- (i) the state of occupation of the dwelling-house since the date of the order, and
- (ii) the progress of any sale of the dwelling-house, and

(b) be accompanied by a statement of truth signed by the landlord.””

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 4, page 5, line 41, at end insert—

“(2A) After section 7, insert—

“7A Evidential requirements for Grounds 1 and 1A

- (1) The court shall not make an order for possession on grounds 1 or 1A in Schedule 2 to this Act unless the landlord has complied with subsections (2) to (4) below.
- (2) Where the landlord has served a notice for possession on grounds 1 or 1A, the court must be provided with evidence verified by a statement of truth signed by the landlord.
- (3) Where the landlord has served a notice for possession on ground 1 and the dwelling house is required by a member of the landlord’s family as defined in paragraphs 2(b) to (d) of that ground, the court must be provided with evidence verified by a statement of truth signed by that family member.
- (4) Where the landlord has served a notice for possession on ground 1A, the evidence referred to in sub-section (2) must include a letter of engagement from a solicitor or estate agent concerning the sale of the dwelling house.””

David Simmonds

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- ★ Clause 4, page 6, line 14, leave out "1A,"

Mr Gideon Amos

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- ★ Clause 4, page 6, line 15, leave out "4A,"

David Simmonds

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- ★ Clause 4, page 6, line 16, at beginning insert "1A,"

Mr Gideon Amos

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- ★ Clause 4, page 6, line 20, after "4," insert "4A,"

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 1

Clause 4, page 7, line 6, at end insert—

"(5) After section 11 of the 1988 Act insert—

"11A Possession on ground 6A: compensation of tenant

- (1) This section applies where a court makes an order for possession of a dwelling-house let on an assured tenancy on Ground 6A in Schedule 2 to this Act (whether or not the order is also made on any other ground).
- (2) The court may order the landlord to pay to the tenant such sum as appears sufficient as compensation for damage or loss sustained by that tenant as a result of the order for possession.
- (3) In deciding whether to make an order under this section, and what compensation to order, the court must (in particular) take into account the circumstances which led to Ground 6A being available as a ground for making an order for possession (including any conduct by the tenant which caused or contributed to Ground 6A being available)."

Member's explanatory statement

This gives the court power to order the landlord to pay compensation to the tenant where possession is obtained on Ground 6A (failure of premises to comply with planning requirements etc).

Mr Gideon Amos

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- ★ Schedule 1, page 155, line 6, at end insert—

"(1A) In the heading of Part 1, omit "must" and insert "may".

(1B) Omit the heading of Part II.”

Carla Denyer

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★ Schedule 1, page 155, line 9, leave out “1 year” and insert “2 years”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would increase the minimum period before a landlord can use certain grounds for possession from 12 months to 2 years.

David Simmonds

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★ Schedule 1, page 156, leave out lines 14 to 16

Carla Denyer

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★ Schedule 1, page 156, line 15, leave out “1 year” and insert “2 years”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would increase the minimum period before a landlord can use certain grounds for possession from 12 months to 2 years.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 2

Schedule 1, page 157, leave out line 13

Member's explanatory statement

This allows Ground 1B to be used to obtain possession whenever the landlord intends to grant an assured tenancy to another person (whether or not it is to be granted pursuant to a rent-to-buy agreement).

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 3

Schedule 1, page 157, leave out line 30

Member's explanatory statement

This leaves the definition of “market rent” out of Ground 1B, as it is superseded by Amendment 4.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 4

Schedule 1, page 157, line 33, after “rent” insert “(and here “rent” and “market rent” include any amount payable by way of service charge)”

Member's explanatory statement

This ensures that any service charge is taken into account in both the rent and the market rent (when determining whether the rent is higher than 80% of the market rent).

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 5

Schedule 1, page 165, line 18, leave out from "than" to ", and" in line 22 and insert "80% of market rent (and here "rent" and "market rent" include any amount payable by way of service charge)"

Member's explanatory statement

This replaces the term "affordable rent" with a reference to rent that is no more than 80% of the market rent.

David Simmonds

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★ Schedule 1, page 168, line 26, at end insert—

"20A After Ground 6 insert—

"Ground 6ZA

The landlord or superior landlord who is seeking possession intends to undertake such works as are necessary to ensure that the property meets the standards set out by regulations under section 2A of the Housing Act 2004 and the intended work cannot reasonably be carried out without the tenant giving up possession of the dwelling-house because—

- (a) the tenant is not willing to agree to such a variation of the terms of the tenancy as would give such access and other facilities as would permit the intended work to be carried out, or
- (b) the nature of the intended work is such that no such variation is practicable, or
- (c) the tenant is not willing to accept an assured tenancy of such part only of the dwelling-house (in this sub-paragraph referred to as "the reduced part") as would leave in the possession of his landlord so much of the dwelling-house as would be reasonable to enable the intended work to be carried out and, where appropriate, as would give such access and other facilities over the reduced part as would permit the intended work to be carried out, or
- (d) the nature of the intended work is such that such a tenancy is not practicable."

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 6

Schedule 1, page 168, line 30, leave out "situations has occurred" and insert "applies"

Member's explanatory statement

This changes the opening wording so that it works better with the provision which follows.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 7

Schedule 1, page 169, line 30, at end insert—

“(g) compliance with a planning enforcement notice or injunction would be, or is, incompatible with continued occupation of the dwelling-house by the tenant.”

Member's explanatory statement

This enables the landlord to obtain possession where planning enforcement action has been taken and compliance with that action would be incompatible with continued occupation under the tenancy.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 8

Schedule 1, page 169, line 37, at end insert—

““planning enforcement notice or injunction” means—

- (a) an enforcement notice issued under section 172 or 182 of the TCPA 1990 that has taken effect,
- (b) a breach of condition notice served under section 187A of the TCPA 1990,
- (c) an injunction granted under section 187B of the TCPA 1990,
- (d) a listed building enforcement notice issued under section 38, 45 or 46 of the P(LBCA)A 1990 that has taken effect, or
- (e) an injunction granted under section 44A of the P(LBCA)A 1990;

“P(LBCA)A 1990” means the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990;

“TCPA 1990” means the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;”

Member's explanatory statement

This defines the term “planning enforcement notice or injunction” which is used in Amendment 7.

David Simmonds

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★ Schedule 1, page 170, line 3, at end insert—

“(za) for the first unnumbered paragraph, substitute—

“At the date of the service of the notice under section 8 of this Act relating to the proceedings for possession—”

David Simmonds

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★ Schedule 1, page 170, line 6, at end insert—

“(ba) in paragraph (b), at end insert “and at the date of the hearing any rent is unpaid.””

David Simmonds

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★ Schedule 1, page 170, line 13, at end insert—

“23A After Ground 8 insert—

“Ground 8A

The landlord who is seeking possession, or, in the case of joint landlords seeking possession for at least one of them, requires the dwelling-house for the purposes of providing care to—

- (a) a person under the age of 18;
- (b) a person who has a disability under section 6 of the Equality Act 2010; or
- (c) a person who requires personal care on the grounds of age, illness or injury.””

David Simmonds

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★ Schedule 1, page 170, line 13, at end insert—

“23A In Ground 14, in each of paragraphs (a) and (aa), for “likely to cause” substitute “capable of causing”

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 9

Schedule 1, page 172, leave out lines 29 to 32

Member's explanatory statement

This is in consequence of Amendment 5.

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 7, page 8, line 31, leave out from “determination” to the end of line 36 and insert—

“(4AA) Where the rent for a particular period of the tenancy is to be greater than the rent for the previous period by virtue of a notice, determination or agreement mentioned in subsection (4A), the rent may not be greater than the rent for the previous period increased by the Bank of England Base Rate.

(4AB) Any provision relating to an assured tenancy to which this section applies is of no effect so far as it provides—

- (a) that the rent for a particular period of the tenancy must or may be greater than the rent for the previous period otherwise than by virtue of a notice, determination or agreement mentioned in subsection (4A), or
- (b) that the rent for a particular period of the tenancy, where greater than the rent for the previous period by virtue of a notice, determination or agreement mentioned in subsection (4A), must or may be greater than

the rent for the previous period increased by the Bank of England Base Rate.”

_____ **David Simmonds** 52

- ★ Clause 8, page 11, line 38, leave out from “date” to end of the line and insert “of the application under section 14(A1)”

_____ **David Simmonds** 50

- ★ Clause 8, page 11, line 39, leave out from “is” to “the tenancy rent” in line 2 on page 12

_____ **David Simmonds** 53

- ★ Clause 8, page 12, line 24, leave out from “13A(2)” to the end of line 32 and insert—

“or

- (b) a date that the appropriate tribunal directs, if it appears to the tribunal that applying paragraph (a) would cause undue hardship to the tenant.”

_____ **David Simmonds** 51

- ★ Clause 8, page 12, line 35, leave out from “is” to “the proposed rent” in line 37

_____ **David Simmonds** 47

- ★ Clause 8, page 13, line 6, at end insert—

“(12) The Secretary of State must—

(a) conduct a review of—

(i) the impact of this section on the tribunals responsible for the determination of rent, and

(ii) the ability of tribunals to manage an increase in applications for a review of a proposed rent increase; and

(b) consult with the Competition and Markets Authority on any measures necessary to ensure that tribunals are able to assess market rents without having a distorting effect on the market.

(13) The Secretary of State must lay the review made under subsection (12) and the Government’s response to the review before Parliament.”

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 8, page 13, line 6, at end insert—

“(12) The Secretary of State must consult on—

- (a) the adequacy of the existing resources of the tribunals responsible for the determination of rent;
- (b) the need of the tribunals for further resources to manage an increase in applications for a review of a proposed rent increase.”

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 11, page 16, line 13, at end insert—

“(4) The Secretary of State must consult with representatives of the insurance sector before this section comes into effect to ensure that appropriate insurance products are available for tenants whose landlords have required insurance as a condition for consenting to the keeping of a pet.”

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 10

Clause 12, page 17, line 7, leave out “subsection (5)” insert “subsections (5) and (5A)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 11

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 11

Clause 12, page 17, line 16, at end insert—

“(5A) Where a tenancy becomes a tenancy to which this section applies by virtue of section 143C(3) of the Housing Act 1996 (demoted tenancies: change of landlord), the statement under subsection (2) must be given within the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the new landlord becomes the landlord under the tenancy.”

Member's explanatory statement

This creates an exception from the new duty, inserted by clause 12 of the Bill into the Housing Act 1988, for a landlord to provide a written statement of certain matters before entering into an assured tenancy, so that the landlord of a tenancy which becomes an assured tenancy following the transfer of a demoted tenancy under the Housing Act 1996 has 28 days from becoming the landlord of the tenancy to fulfil those duties.

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 19, page 31, line 19, leave out from “substitute–” to end of line 34 and insert—

“(b) it satisfies—

- (i) subsection (1ZA), if it is given by a tenant in relation to premises let under an assured tenancy, or
- (ii) subsection (1ZC) in any other case; but in relation to landlords under assured tenancies see section 5(1) of the Housing Act 1988 (notice to quit by landlord is of no effect).”

(3) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1ZA) A notice to quit satisfies this subsection if—

(a) it is given not less than—

- (i) any length of time before the date on which the notice is to take effect, not exceeding two months, that the landlord has agreed to in writing, or
- (ii) in the absence of agreement under sub-paragraph (i), two months before the date on which the notice is to take effect, and

(b) it is in relation to premises let under a repeat tenancy or, if it is in relation to premises let under any other assured tenancy, it is to take effect—

- (i) no earlier than any time, within the period of six months beginning with the day on which the terms of the tenancy provide for the tenancy to begin, that the landlord has agreed to in writing, or
- (ii) in the absence of agreement under sub-paragraph (i), on or after the last day of the period mentioned in that sub-paragraph.

(1ZB) In subsection (1ZA)(b) “repeat tenancy” means an assured tenancy under which the tenant becomes entitled to possession of the premises within the period of one month beginning with the day after the last day of a previous assured tenancy—

- (a) under which the same premises were let, and
- (b) which was between the same parties.

(1ZC) A notice to quit satisfies this subsection if it is given not less than four weeks before the date on which it is to take effect.””

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 19, page 31, line 31, at end insert—

“(aa) where it is given by a tenant who meets the student test under Ground 4A, not less than ten months before the date on which the notice is to take effect;”

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 19, page 31, line 31, at end insert—

“(aa) where it is given by a tenant in relation to a premises in which they are the first tenants since its construction, not less than twenty-four months before the date on which the notice is to take effect;”

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 12

Schedule 2, page 174, line 29 at end insert—

“Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973

7A In section 25 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973 (provision of temporary sleeping accommodation to constitute material change of use), in subsection (2)—

(a) in paragraph (a), after “person” insert “otherwise than under or by virtue of an assured tenancy”;

(b) after that paragraph insert—

“(aa) “assured tenancy” means an assured tenancy within the meaning of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Housing Act 1988;”

Member's explanatory statement

This creates an exception to the restriction on the provision of temporary sleeping accommodation in residential premises in Greater London for less than 90 days, where occupation of such accommodation is under or by virtue of an assured tenancy agreement.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 13

Schedule 2, page 174, line 31, leave out paragraph 8 and insert—

“8 The Housing Act 1985 is amended as follows.

8A In section 81ZA (grant of secure tenancies in cases of domestic abuse), in subsection (4), in the definition of “qualifying tenancy”, in paragraph (b), omit sub-paragraph (i).

8B In section 81B (cases where old-style English secure tenancies may be granted), in subsection (2C), in the definition of “qualifying tenancy”, in paragraph (b), omit “which is not an assured shorthold tenancy and”

8C In section 82A (demotion because of anti-social behaviour)—

(a) in subsection (1), omit paragraphs (ba) and (c);

(b) in subsection (8), omit paragraph (b).

8D In section 171B (extent of preserved right), omit subsection (1A).

- 8E In Schedule 3 (grounds for withholding consent to assignment by way of exchange), in ground 2A, in the definition of “demotion order”, omit “or section 6A of the Housing Act 1988”.

Member's explanatory statement

This adds further amendments to the Housing Act 1985 to remove the power of private registered providers of social housing and registered social landlords to apply for demotion orders relating to secure tenancies (new paragraph 8C(a)) and otherwise in consequence of the changes made by Part 1 of the Bill.

Mr Gideon Amos

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- ★ Schedule 2, page 175, line 40, leave out from “claims),” to the end of line 41 and insert “omit subsection (6)”

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 14

Schedule 2, page 176, line 2, at end insert—

- “17A In section 15 (limited prohibition on assignment etc. without consent), in subsection (3), omit “a statutory periodic tenancy or”.
- 17B In section 17 (succession to assured tenancy)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a), omit “periodic”;
 - (b) in subsection (1A)(a), omit “periodic”;
 - (c) omit subsection (1B);
 - (d) omit subsection (1C);
 - (e) in subsection (1D), for “, (1A), (1B) or (1C)” substitute “or (1A)”;
 - (f) in subsection (5), omit “or (1B)(c) above”;
 - (g) in subsection (6), omit “, (1C)”;
 - (h) omit subsection (7).”

Member's explanatory statement

This makes further amendments to the Housing Act 1988 to take account of changes made by Part 1 of the Bill.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 15

Schedule 2, page 176, line 17, leave out paragraph 21 and insert—

- “21(1) Section 39 (statutory tenants: succession) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (5), in the words after paragraph (b), omit “periodic”.
 - (3) In subsection (6)—
 - (a) in the words before paragraph (a), omit “periodic”;
 - (b) in paragraph (d), after the second “tenancy” insert “(but this is subject to section 4A)”;

- (c) in paragraph (e), for “sections 13 to 15” substitute “sections 13 to 16C”;
 - (d) omit paragraph (f).
- (4) Omit subsection (7).
- (5) In subsection (8)—
 - (a) omit “periodic”;
 - (b) after “above)” insert “; and section 24A does not apply in relation to the assured tenancy to which the successor becomes entitled”.
- (6) For subsection (9) substitute—
 - “(9) Where, immediately before the predecessor’s death, the predecessor was a tenant under a fixed term tenancy (the “former tenancy”), the following provisions of this subsection apply in relation to the assured tenancy to which the successor becomes entitled on the predecessor’s death (the “new tenancy”)—
 - (a) not later than the first anniversary of the date of the predecessor’s death, the landlord may serve on the tenant, or the tenant may serve on the landlord, a notice in the prescribed form (a “notice of variation”)—
 - (i) proposing terms of the new tenancy, other than terms as to the amount of the rent, that are different from the terms which have effect by virtue of subsection (6)(e) (the “implied terms”), and
 - (ii) if the landlord or the tenant considers it appropriate, proposing an adjustment of the amount of the rent to take account of the proposed terms;
 - (b) where a notice of variation has been served under paragraph (a)—
 - (i) within the period of three months beginning on the date on which the notice was served on him, the landlord or the tenant, as the case may be, may, by an application in the prescribed form, refer the notice to the appropriate tribunal under paragraph (c), and
 - (ii) if the notice is not so referred, then, with effect from such date, not falling within the period referred to in sub-paragraph (i), as may be specified in the notice, the terms proposed in the notice shall become terms of the tenancy in substitution for any of the implied terms dealing with the same subject matter and the amount of the rent shall be varied in accordance with any adjustment so proposed;
 - (c) where a notice of variation is referred to the appropriate tribunal, the appropriate tribunal must consider the terms proposed in the notice and must determine whether those terms, or some other terms (dealing with the same subject matter as the proposed terms), are such as, in the appropriate tribunal's opinion, might reasonably be expected to be found

- in an assured tenancy of the dwelling-house concerned, being a tenancy—
- (i) which begins on the date of the predecessor's death, and
 - (ii) which is granted by a willing landlord on terms which, except in so far as they relate to the subject matter of the proposed terms, are those of the new tenancy at the time of the appropriate tribunal's consideration;
- (d) whether or not a notice of variation proposes an adjustment of the amount of the rent under the former tenancy, where the appropriate tribunal determine any terms under paragraph (c), they must, if they consider it appropriate, specify such an adjustment to take account of the terms so determined;
- (e) in making a determination under paragraph (c), or specifying an adjustment of an amount of rent under paragraph (d), there must be disregarded any effect on the terms or the amount of the rent attributable to the granting of a tenancy to a sitting tenant;
- (f) where a notice of variation is referred to the appropriate tribunal, then, unless the landlord and the tenant otherwise agree, with effect from such date as the appropriate tribunal may direct—
- (i) the terms determined by the appropriate tribunal become terms of the new tenancy in substitution for any of the implied terms dealing with the same subject matter, and
 - (ii) the amount of the rent under the statutory periodic tenancy is altered to accord with any adjustment specified by the appropriate tribunal;
- but for the purposes of sub-paragraph (ii) the appropriate tribunal must not direct a date earlier than the date specified, in accordance with subsection (3)(b) above, in the notice of variation;
- (g) nothing in this section requires the appropriate tribunal to continue with a determination under paragraph (c) if the landlord and tenant give notice in writing that they no longer require such a determination or if the tenancy has come to an end.””

Member's explanatory statement

This makes consequential amendments of section 39 of the Housing Act 1988.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 16

Schedule 2, page 176, line 37, at end insert—

“30A In section 124 (introductory tenancies), in subsection (2)(b), omit “, other than an assured shorthold tenancy,”.

- 30B In section 125 (duration of introductory tenancy)—
- (a) in subsection (3), omit “, or a relevant assured shorthold tenancy,”;
 - (b) omit subsection (3A).”

Member's explanatory statement

This adds further amendments to the Housing Act 1996 relating to introductory tenancies to take account of the changes made by Part 1 of the Bill.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 17

Schedule 2, page 177, line 2, at end insert—

“31A In section 143C (change of landlord), in subsection (3), omit “shorthold”.”

Member's explanatory statement

This adds further amendments to the Housing Act 1996 relating to demoted tenancies to take account of the changes made by Part 1 of the Bill.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 18

Schedule 2, page 178, line 23, at end insert—

“(c) in Schedule 1 (demoted tenancies), omit paragraph 2(3).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amends Schedule 1 to the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 in consequence of the amendment made to section 171B of the Housing Act 1985 by Amendment 13.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 19

Schedule 2, page 178, leave out lines 25 to 27 and insert—

- “45 The Housing Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- 46 Omit section 75.
- 47 Omit section 98.
- 48 In section 116 (general effect of final management orders), in subsection (4)—
- (a) in paragraph (a)(ii), omit “(subject to paragraph (b))”;
 - (b) for paragraph (b) substitute—
 - “(b) paragraph (a) does not apply to the creation of an interest in the nature of an assured tenancy within the meaning of Part 1 of the Housing Act 1988.”

- 49 In section 136 (making of final EDMOs), in subsection (5), before paragraph (a) insert—
- “(aa) paragraph 2 is to be read as requiring the notice under paragraph 1 to also set out the rights and powers of the authority under paragraph 10(3) of Schedule 7 in connection with a dwelling in relation to which a final EDMO is in force;”.
- 50 In Schedule 7 (general effect of final EDMOs), in paragraph 10(4)—
- (a) in paragraph (a)(ii) omit “(subject to paragraph (b))”;
- (b) for paragraph (b) substitute—
- “(b) paragraph (a) does not apply to the creation of an interest in the nature of an assured tenancy within the meaning of the Housing Act 1988.”

Member's explanatory statement

This replaces the amendments to the Housing Act 2004 and adds new amendments to the provisions in that Act relating to management orders to take account of the changes made by Part 1 of the Bill.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 20

Schedule 2, page 179, line 4, at end insert—

- “(ba) in section 158 (secure and assured tenancies: transfer of tenancy)—
- (i) omit subsection (3)(b)(i) and the “and” after it;
- (ii) omit subsection (4)(b) and the “or” before it;
- (iii) in subsection (8)(b), omit the words “that is not an assured shorthold tenancy”;
- (iv) in subsection (9)(b), omit the words “that is not an assured shorthold tenancy”;
- (v) in subsection (10), omit “shorthold”;
- (bb) in section 159 (further provisions about transfer of tenancy under section 158), in subsection (6)(c), for “and “assured shorthold tenancy” have” substitute “has”;

Member's explanatory statement

This adds further amendments to the Localism Act 2011 in relation to the transfer of tenancies to take account of the changes made by Part 1 of the Bill.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 21

Schedule 2, page 179, line 8, at end insert—

- “(ea) in section 184 (tenancy deposit schemes), omit subsections (10) to (13);”

Member's explanatory statement

This repeals section 184(10) to (13) of the Localism Act 2011. The repealed provision amends section 215 of the Housing Act 2004 (which is replaced by clause 25(5) of the Bill).

Carla Denyer

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★ Clause 57, page 79, line 31, after “section 1” insert—

“—

- (a) in subsection (4)(a), omit “the prescribed sum” and insert “£60,000”;
- (b)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment increases the maximum fine for illegal evictions under the Protection from Eviction Act 1977 to £60,000.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 22

Clause 59, page 84, line 23, leave out from “in” to end of line 25 and insert “section 13(1A), (1AA) or (1AB);”

Member's explanatory statement

This adds a reference to the new subsection (1AA) which will be inserted into section 13 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 by clause 30(3)(b)(ii).

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 62, page 89, line 25, after “residential landlord” insert “, whose property is not managed by an agent who is a member of an independent redress scheme approved by the Secretary of State,

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would only require a residential landlord to be a member of the landlord redress scheme introduced by Clause 62 if their tenant does not already have access to one by virtue of the landlord using an agent who is a member of another approved independent redress scheme.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 23

Clause 62, page 90, line 16, at end insert—

“(4A) Regulations under subsection (1) may require a person—

- (a) to provide relevant property information to the administrator of a landlord redress scheme, on applying to become a member of the scheme;
- (b) at any time after becoming a member of a landlord redress scheme, to notify the administrator of the scheme of any change to relevant

property information previously provided by the person as soon as reasonably practicable, or within a period, as specified in the regulations.

- (4B) For the purposes of subsection (4A), “relevant property information” means such information as may be specified in the regulations relating to—
- (a) any residential tenancy under which the person is the residential landlord;
 - (b) any dwelling which is proposed to be marketed for the purpose of creating a residential tenancy under which the person will be the residential landlord.”

Member's explanatory statement

This enables regulations made under clause 62 (landlord redress schemes) to require a person on applying to join a landlord redress scheme to provide certain information about residential tenancies of which they are the landlord, or dwellings that will be marketed for the purpose of becoming residential tenancies of which they will be the landlord. There is also a separate duty to notify the scheme administrator of any changes to such information.

Mr Gideon Amos

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★ Clause 98, page 117, line 20, at end insert—

- “(ia) the availability of which is secured by the Secretary of State under paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016, or sections 4 or 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- (ib) that is provided by the Ministry of Defence for use by service personnel; or”

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 24

Clause 98, page 118, line 27, at end insert—

- “(ba) a building or part of a building constructed or adapted for use as a house in multiple occupation if—
 - (i) it is for the time being only occupied by persons who form a single household, and
 - (ii) the accommodation which those persons occupy is let under a relevant tenancy or is supported exempt accommodation, except where the accommodation which those persons occupy is social housing and the landlord under the tenancy, or the provider of the supported exempt accommodation, is a registered provider of social housing,”

Member's explanatory statement

This expands the definition of “qualifying residential premises” - and therefore expands the scope of the power in new section 2A inserted by this clause - so as to catch HMO accommodation which is occupied by only one household (and therefore does not count as an HMO because it is not actually in multiple occupation).

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 25

Clause 98, page 118, line 34, after “(b)” insert “, (ba)”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 26

Schedule 4, page 186, line 4, leave out sub-paragraph (3) and insert—

“(3) After subsection (8) insert—

“(9) But unoccupied HMO accommodation is “qualifying residential premises” for the purposes of this Part only to the extent provided for by section 2B(1)(ba).”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 27

Schedule 4, page 202, line 5, leave out from second “premises” to “, and” in line 6 and insert “other than—

- (i) homelessness accommodation (see paragraph B1), or
- (ii) common parts (see paragraph 4)”

Member's explanatory statement

This excludes homelessness accommodation from the scope of the new paragraph A1. Instead it is dealt with by the new paragraph B1 inserted by Amendment 29. (Common parts are already excluded from new paragraph A1.)

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 28

Schedule 4, page 202, line 11, leave out from beginning to second “the” in line 13 and insert—

“(1A) Sub-paragraph (2) applies in relation to the premises if they are—

- (a) a dwelling or HMO let under a relevant tenancy,
- (b) an HMO where at least one unit of accommodation which forms part of the HMO is let under a relevant tenancy, or
- (c) a building or a part of a building constructed or adapted for use as a house in multiple occupation if—
 - (i) it is for the time being only occupied by persons who form a single household, and
 - (ii) the accommodation which those persons occupy is let under a relevant tenancy.

(2)”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 29

Schedule 4, page 202, line 31, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

“(4) In this paragraph—

“common parts” means common parts that are qualifying residential premises by virtue of section 2B(1)(d);

“homelessness accommodation” means accommodation in England—

- (a) the availability of which is secured under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 (homelessness), and
- (b) which is residential premises, whether by virtue of paragraph (e) or another paragraph of section 1(4).

Service of improvement notices: homelessness accommodation (whether or not it is qualifying residential premises)

- B1 (1) This paragraph applies where the specified premises in the case of an improvement notice are homelessness accommodation (which has the same meaning here as in paragraph A1).
- (2) The notice must be served on any person—
- (a) who has an estate or interest in the premises, and
 - (b) who, in the opinion of the local housing authority, ought to take the action specified in the notice.
- (3) This paragraph applies instead of paragraph 1, 2 or 3 (in a case where that paragraph would otherwise apply to the improvement notice).”

Member's explanatory statement

The definitions are consequential on Amendment 27. The new paragraph B1 provides for the service of all improvement notices relating to homelessness accommodation (and replaces the current provision which only catches notices about requirements under regulations under section 2A).

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 30

Schedule 4, page 203, line 5, leave out “let under a relevant tenancy, or” and insert “a dwelling or HMO let under a relevant tenancy,”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 31

Schedule 4, page 203, line 8, at end insert “or

- (c) are a building or a part of a building constructed or adapted for use as a house in multiple occupation—
 - (i) that is for the time being only occupied by persons who form a single household, and
 - (ii) where the accommodation which those persons occupy is let under a relevant tenancy,”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 32

Schedule 4, page 203, line 12, after “tenancy.” insert—

“(2B) Where—

- (a) sub-paragraph (2A) does not apply in relation to the specified premises,
- (b) the specified premises consist of or include the whole or any part of a building containing homelessness accommodation, and
- (c) the person providing the homelessness accommodation—
 - (i) is a tenant of that accommodation under a tenancy which has an unexpired term of 3 years or less (the “short tenancy”), and
 - (ii) accordingly is not an owner in relation to the homelessness accommodation (see section 262(7)(b)),

the authority must also serve copies of the order on any person who, to their knowledge, is a tenant under the short tenancy, a landlord under the short tenancy, or a superior landlord in relation to the short tenancy, and who is not otherwise required to be served with a copy of the notice under this paragraph.

- (2C) In sub-paragraph (2B) “homelessness accommodation” means accommodation in England—
 - (a) the availability of which is secured under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 (homelessness), and
 - (b) which is residential premises, whether by virtue of paragraph (e) or another paragraph of section 1(4).”

Member's explanatory statement

This requires copies of a prohibition notice to be given where homelessness accommodation is provided by a person who is a tenant of the accommodation under a lease with an unexpired term of 3 years or less.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 33

Schedule 4, page 203, line 13, leave out “after “(2)” insert “or (2A)”” and insert “for “sub-paragraph (2)” substitute “this paragraph””

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 32.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 34

Schedule 4, page 203, line 28, leave out “let under a relevant tenancy, or” and insert “a dwelling or HMO let under a relevant tenancy,”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 35

Schedule 4, page 203, line 31, at end insert “or

- (c) are a building or a part of a building constructed or adapted for use as a house in multiple occupation—
 - (i) that is for the time being only occupied by persons who form a single household, and
 - (ii) where the accommodation which those persons occupy is let under a relevant tenancy,”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 36

Schedule 4, page 203, line 35, after “tenancy.” insert—

“(2B) Where—

- (a) sub-paragraph (2A) does not apply in relation to the specified premises,
- (b) the specified premises consist of or include the whole or any part of a building containing homelessness accommodation, and
- (c) the person providing the homelessness accommodation—
 - (i) is a tenant of that accommodation under a tenancy which has an unexpired term of 3 years or less (the “short tenancy”), and
 - (ii) accordingly is not an owner in relation to the homelessness accommodation (see section 262(7)(b)),

the authority must also serve copies of the order on any person who, to their knowledge, is a tenant under the short tenancy, a landlord under the short tenancy, or a superior landlord in relation to the short tenancy, and who is not otherwise required to be served with a copy of the notice under this paragraph.

- (2C) In sub-paragraph (2B) “homelessness accommodation” means accommodation in England—
- (a) the availability of which is secured under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 (homelessness), and
 - (b) which is residential premises, whether by virtue of paragraph (e) or another paragraph of section 1(4).”

Member's explanatory statement

This requires copies of a prohibition notice to be given where homelessness accommodation is provided by a person who is a tenant of the accommodation under a lease with an unexpired term of 3 years or less.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 37

Schedule 4, page 203, line 36, leave out “or (2A)” and insert “, (2A) or (2B)”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 36.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 38

Schedule 4, page 203, line 37, leave out “after “(2)” insert “, (2A)”” and insert “for “sub-paragraph (2) or (3)” substitute “this paragraph””

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 36.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 39

Schedule 4, page 204, line 4, leave out “let under a relevant tenancy, or” and insert “a dwelling or HMO let under a relevant tenancy,”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Secretary Angela Rayner

Gov 40

Schedule 4, page 204, line 7, at end insert “or

- (iii) are a building or a part of a building constructed or adapted for use as a house in multiple occupation that is for the time being only occupied by persons who form a single household and where the accommodation which those persons occupy is let under a relevant tenancy,”

Member's explanatory statement

This is consequential on Amendment 24.

Carla Denyer

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★ Clause 100, page 120, line 9, leave out from “order)” to the end of line 12 and insert—

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- (a) in subsection (1), omit “, beyond reasonable doubt,”;
- (b) at the end of subsection (3), insert—
 - “(d) section 46A (where an order is made against more than one landlord or there has been a previous order”;
- (c) after subsection (3), insert—
 - “(4) Where the application for a rent repayment order relates to an offence under sections 1(2), (3) or 3(A) of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977, the First-tier Tribunal must be satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the offence has been committed.
 - (5) Where the application for a rent repayment order relates to any other offence to which this Chapter applies, the First-tier Tribunal must be satisfied, beyond reasonable doubt, that the offence has been committed.”””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would apply the civil standard of proof for Rent Repayment Orders pursued on the basis of a Protection from Eviction Act 1977 offence.

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 142, page 150, line 26, leave out from “subject to” to end of line 27 and insert—

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- (a) the publication of an economic impact assessment in relation to the bill, which must include the impact of abolishing fixed term assured tenancies on the student housing market; and
- (b) subsections (2) to (6).”

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 142, page 150, line 26, leave out from “subject to” to end of line 27 and insert—

“—

- (a) the publication of a review under section 8 on the impact of that section on the tribunals responsible for the determination of rent; and
- (b) subsections (2) to (6).”

David Simmonds

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★ Clause 142, page 150, line 26, leave out from “subject to” to end of line 27 and insert “—

- (a) the publication of an economic impact assessment of the bill, including abolishing fixed-term tenancies on student accommodation;
- (b) the publication of an assessment under section [*Assessment of operation of possession process*]; and
- (c) subsections (2) to (6).”

Ms Stella Creasy

NC1

☆ To move the following Clause—

“Impact of orders for possession on credit ratings

- (1) The Financial Conduct Authority must develop guidance for credit rating agencies on the impact of orders for possession on the credit ratings of tenants.
- (2) Guidance prepared under this section must—
 - (a) outline that being subject to an order for possession under Grounds 1 to 8 must not negatively impact an individual’s credit rating;
 - (b) be published within three months of the passing of this Act.”

David Simmonds

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

“Review of the impact of the Act on the housing market

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish an annual report outlining the impact of the provisions of this Act on the housing market in the UK.
- (2) A report under this section must include the impact of this Act on—
 - (a) the availability of homes in the private rental sector;
 - (b) rents charged under tenancies;
 - (c) house prices; and
 - (d) requests for social housing.
- (3) A report under this section must be laid before Parliament.”

David Simmonds

NC3

★ To move the following Clause—

“Report on certain matters relating to tenancy reform

- (1) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for an independent person to prepare a report on—
 - (a) the impact of sections 1 and 2 on the provision of relevant tenancies;
 - (b) the extent to which the grounds in Schedule 2 to the 1988 Act as amended by this Act—
 - (i) operate effectively;
 - (ii) are comprehensive;
 - (iii) are fair.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, within the period of 18 months beginning with the relevant date, lay before both Houses of Parliament—
 - (a) a copy of the report, and
 - (b) a statement setting out the Secretary of State’s response to the report.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the Secretary of State from arranging for the independent person to include in the report matters additional to those mentioned in that subsection.
- (4) In this section—

“relevant date” means a date 18 months after the coming into force of sections 1 and 2 of this Act;

“relevant tenancy” means an assured tenancy within the meaning of the 1988 Act other than a tenancy of social housing within the meaning of Part 2 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.”

David Simmonds

NC4

★ To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of operation of possession process

- (1) The Lord Chancellor must prepare an assessment of the operation of the process by which—
 - (a) on applications made by landlords, the county court is able to make orders for the possession of dwellings in England that are let under assured and regulated tenancies, and
 - (b) such orders are enforced.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor must publish the assessment at such time, and in such manner, as the Lord Chancellor thinks appropriate.
- (3) In this section—

“assured tenancy” means an assured tenancy within the meaning of the 1988 Act;

“dwelling” means a building or part of a building which is occupied or intended to be occupied as a separate dwelling;
“regulated tenancy” means a regulated tenancy within the meaning of the Rent Act 1977.”

David Simmonds

NC5

★ To move the following Clause—

“Repeal of requirement for selective licensing

Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 (Selective licensing of other residential accommodation) is repealed.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would remove the ability of local housing authorities to designate areas as subject to selective licensing.

Mr Gideon Amos

NC6

★ To move the following Clause—

“Limit on rent to be requested in advance of tenancy

In the 1988 Act, after section 14ZB (inserted by section 8 of this Act) insert—

“14ZBA Maximum rent to be paid in advance

No rent may be requested or received in advance of any period of the tenancy which exceeds the rent for one month of the tenancy.””

Mr Gideon Amos

NC7

★ To move the following Clause—

“Impact of Act on provision of short-term lets

The Secretary of State must, within two years of the passing of this Act, publish a review of the impact of sections 1 to 3 on the number of landlords offering properties on short-term lets rather than in the private rented sector.”

Order of the House

[9 October 2024]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Renters' Rights Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 28 November 2024.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.

Order of the Committee

[22 October 2024]

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 22 October) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 22 October;
 - (b) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 29 October;
 - (c) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 31 October;
 - (d) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 5 November;
 - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 12 November;
 - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 14 November;
 - (g) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 19 November;
 - (h) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 21 November;
 - (i) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 26 November;

(j) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 28 November.

2. the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 22 October	Until no later than 10.00 am	The National Residential Landlords Association; The Lettings Industry Council
	Until no later than 10.30 am	Shelter; Citizens Advice
	Until no later than 11.00 am	The Renters Reform Coalition; Generation Rent
	Until no later than 11.25 am	The Housing Ombudsman Service
	Until no later than 2.40 pm	Justin Bates KC; Giles Peaker; Liz Davies KC
	Until no later than 3.00 pm	The Country Land and Business Association
	Until no later than 3.20 pm	Indigo House Group
	Until no later than 3.40 pm	Unipol
	Until no later than 4.20 pm	The British Property Federation; The National Housing Federation; Propertymark
	Until no later than 4.50 pm	The Local Government Association; The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
Until no later than 5.10 pm	ACORN	
Until no later than 5.30 pm	The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	

3. proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 4; Schedule 1; Clauses 5 to 28; Schedule 2; Clause 29 to 71; Schedule 3; Clauses 72 to 98; Schedule 4; Clause 99; Schedule 5; Clauses 100 to 143; Schedule 6; Clauses 144 to 146; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;

4. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 28 November.