

Housing and Planning Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]

After Clause 124

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

Insert the following new Clause—

“Client money protection for lettings agents

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person may not accept money from another person (“T”) in the course of lettings agency work unless there are in force authorised arrangements under which, in the event of his or her failing to account for that money to the person entitled to it, his or her liability will be made good by another.
- (2) In this section “T” is any person who seeks residential accommodation which is to let, or who has a tenancy of, or other right or permission to occupy, residential premises; and a “relevant payment” means any sum of money which is received from T in the circumstances described in subsection (1).
- (3) In this section “lettings agency work” has the same meaning as in section 83 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (redress schemes: lettings agency work) and a “lettings agent” is a person who engages in lettings agency work.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument—
 - (a) specify any persons or classes of persons to whom subsection (1) does not apply;
 - (b) specify arrangements which are authorised for the purposes of this section including arrangements to which an enforcement authority nominated for the purpose by the Secretary of State or any other person so nominated is a party;
 - (c) specify the terms and conditions upon which any payment is to be made under such arrangements and any circumstances in which the right to any such payment may be excluded or modified;
 - (d) provide that any limit on the amount of any such payment is to be not less than a specified amount; and

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- (e) require a person providing authorised arrangements covering any person carrying on lettings agency work to issue a certificate in a form specified in the regulations certifying that arrangements complying with the regulations have been made with respect to that person.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (4) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) Every guarantee entered into by a person who provides authorised arrangements covering a lettings agent shall tenure for the benefit of every person from whom the lettings agent has received a relevant payment as if the guarantee were contained in a contract made by the insurer with every such person.”

After Clause 143

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK
LORD BEECHAM

Insert the following new Clause –

“Planning obligations for student housing

Upon commencement of this Part, the Secretary of State must incorporate planning for student accommodation into the National Planning Policy Framework so that it is planned for and included in local and neighbourhood plans and taken into consideration in planning decisions where appropriate.”

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