

# Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill

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## AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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### Clause 2

BARONESS PINNOCK  
LORD SHIPLEY

Page 2, line 33, leave out subsection (1) and insert—

“(1) Section 11B of the LGFA 1992 (higher amount for long-term empty dwellings: England) is amended as follows.

(1A) In subsection (1)(b) (maximum percentage by which council tax may be increased), leave out “of not more than 50 as it may so specify” and insert “as specified in subsection (1A)”.

(1B) After subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) If a dwelling has been empty for—

- (a) between two years and five years, the percentage is not more than 100;
- (b) between five years and ten years, the percentage is not more than 200;
- (c) more than ten years, the percentage is not more than 300.”

Page 2, line 36, leave out “amendment made by subsection (1)” and insert “amendments made by subsections (1A) and (1B)”

### After Clause 2

BARONESS PINNOCK  
LORD SHIPLEY

Insert the following new Clause—

#### “Definition of long-term empty dwelling

In section 11B of the LGFA 1992 (higher amount for long-term empty dwellings: England), after subsection (8) insert—

“( ) The Secretary of State must by regulations provide guidance to billing authorities on how to determine whether a dwelling is “unoccupied” or “substantially unfurnished”, under subsection (8).”

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