

*These notes relate to the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy)  
(Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 10) which received Royal Assent on 18 July 2019*

# **FUEL POVERTY (TARGETS, DEFINITION AND STRATEGY) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2019**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***General***

#### ***Section 18***

76. Section 18 makes consequential amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001. The existing definition of fuel poverty is repealed, as are the existing reporting rules (as they are superseded by the strategy and reporting requirements provided for in this Act).
77. The 2001 Act continues to have one reference to fuel poverty: a local authority's local housing strategy must set out its policies with a view to accomplishing a number of purposes, one of which is the provision of housing and related services in a manner which ensures, so far as reasonably practicable, that persons do not live in fuel poverty. The meaning of living in fuel poverty for that purpose is adjusted so that it is aligned with the definition in this Act.