



Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 26

PART VII

OVERCROWDING

Powers and duties of local authority

151 Interpretation and application.

(1) In this Part, except where the context otherwise requires—

“house” means any premises used or intended to be used as a separate dwelling . . . ^{F1};

“landlord” means, in relation to any house, the person from whom the occupier derives his right to occupy it;

“suitable alternative accommodation” means, in relation to the occupier of a house, a house in which the occupier and his family can live without causing it to be overcrowded, being a house which the local authority certify to be suitable to the needs of the occupier and his family as respects security of tenure and proximity to place of work and to be suitable in relation to his means.

(2) The provisions of sections 138(1) to (5), [^{F2}139, 140 and 144] apply only to a locality in respect of which a day has been appointed under section 99 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966 or under any enactment referred to in that section.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1988 \(c. 43, SIF 61\)](#), s. 72(1)(3), Sch. 8 para. 3, [Sch. 10](#)

F2 Words substituted (*retrospectively*) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1988 \(c. 43, SIF 61\)](#), s. 72(1), [Sch. 7 para. 6](#)

Changes to legislation:

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, Section 151 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21(3)(i)s. 21(3)(ai)(ii) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(3\)\(c\)para. 13\(I\)-\(iii\)](#)
- s. 24(3)(f) and word(s) inserted by [2003 asp 10 s. 5\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 5 omitted (31.12.2012) without ever being in force by virtue of S.S.I. 2012/330, arts. 1, 13)
- s. 31(2C)(c) words substituted by [2004 asp 8 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- s. 61(2)(a)(ia) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 63(1A)-(61C) by [2001 asp 10 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 66(1)(vi)(vii) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 286(a)(c) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(40\)\(a\)\(b\)](#)