



# Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 31

### 1 Meaning of “fuel poverty”

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a person is to be regarded as living “in fuel poverty” if he is a member of a household living on a lower income in a home which cannot be kept warm at reasonable cost.
- (2) The Secretary of State (as respects England) or the National Assembly for Wales (as respects Wales) may by regulations—
  - (a) specify what is to be regarded for the purposes of subsection (1) as a lower income or a reasonable cost or the circumstances in which a home is to be regarded for those purposes as being warm, or
  - (b) substitute for the definition in subsection (1) such other definition as may be specified in the regulations.
- (3) Before making regulations under subsection (2), the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales shall consult—
  - (a) persons appearing to the Secretary of State or the Assembly to represent the interests of persons living in fuel poverty, and
  - (b) such other persons as the Secretary of State or the Assembly thinks fit.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (2) shall be made by statutory instrument; and a statutory instrument containing such regulations made by the Secretary of State shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.