

*These notes refer to the Housing Act 2004 (c.34) which received Royal Assent on Thursday 18 November 2004*

# HOUSING ACT 2004

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 5 - Home Information Packs**

##### *Section 166: Enforcement authorities*

372. Sections 166 to 169 and Schedule 8 provide for the enforcement of the home information pack duties by local weights and measures authorities (who act through trading standards officers). This section places a duty on local weights and measures authorities to enforce the home information pack duties, including the duty to belong to an approved redress scheme as set out in section 173, in their areas. Local weights and measures officers are already responsible for enforcing the Property Misdescriptions Act 1991 and parts of the Estate Agents Act 1979. The enforcement of the home information pack duties is in many respects complementary to the activities of trading standards officers under those Acts.