



Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

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PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous

106 Equal opportunities

- (1) The Scottish Ministers and local authorities must exercise the functions conferred on them by this Act in a manner which encourages equal opportunities and in particular the observance of the equal opportunity requirements.
- (2) In providing housing accommodation and related services, registered social landlords must act in a manner which encourages equal opportunities and in particular the observance of the equal opportunity requirements.
- (3) In this section, “equal opportunities” and “equal opportunity requirements” have the same meanings as in Section L2 (equal opportunities) of Part II of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

107 Local authority maintenance of houses etc. of registered social landlord

- (1) Section 1 (supply of goods and services by local authorities) of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 (c. 39) applies in relation to a registered social landlord as if it were a public body within the meaning of subsection (4) of that section.
- (2) In such application, the definition of “works of maintenance” in that subsection has effect as if the word “minor” wherever it occurs were omitted.

108 Meaning of “family” and “spouse”: cohabitation

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a person (“A”) is a member of another’s (“B’s”) family if—
 - (a) A is the spouse of B, or A and B live together as husband and wife or in a relationship which has the characteristics of the relationship between husband and wife except that the persons are of the same sex, or

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (b) A is B's parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(b)—
- (a) a relationship by marriage is to be treated as a relationship by blood,
 - (b) a relationship of the half-blood is to be treated as a relationship of the whole blood,
 - (c) the stepchild of a person is to be treated as that person's child, and
 - (d) a person brought up or treated by another person as if the person were the child of the other person is to be treated as that person's child.
- (3) In section 83 (members of a person's family) of the 1987 Act—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a), after "wife" insert "or in a relationship which has the characteristics of the relationship between husband and wife except that the persons are of the same sex",
 - (b) in subsection (2), after paragraph (c) insert—
 - "(ca) a person brought up or treated by another person as if the person were the child of the other person shall be treated as that person's child;"
 - (c) after subsection (2) insert—
 - "(3) Except in subsection (1)(a), references in this Act to a person's spouse include references to another person living together with that person as husband and wife or in a relationship which has the characteristics of the relationship between husband and wife except that the persons are of the same sex."