



## 2016 CHAPTER 22

### **PART 1**

#### Meaning of “house in multiple occupation”

##### **Persons who are members of the same household**

**4.—(1)** For the purposes of this Act persons are members of the same household only if—

- (a) they are members of the same family (as defined in section 88),
- (b) they are to be treated as being members of the same household by virtue of subsections (2) and (3), or
- (c) their circumstances are of a description set out in regulations made by the Department (as to which, see subsections (4) and (5)).

(2) Subsection (3) applies if—

- (a) a person (A) is engaged to provide domestic help or personal care to another person (B), and
- (b) the terms of that engagement require A to occupy the same living accommodation as B.

(3) A is to be treated as being a member of the same household as—

- (a) B, and
- (b) any member of B's family who also occupies that living accommodation.

(4) Regulations under subsection (1)(c) may, in particular, provide that a group of persons are to be regarded as being members of the same household only where each member of the group has a prescribed relationship, or at least one of a number of prescribed relationships, to any one or more of the others.

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(5) In subsection (4) “prescribed relationship” means any relationship of a description set out in the regulations.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 4 in operation at 1.4.2019 by S.R. 2019/39, **art. 2** (with art. 3)

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