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The tenancy is a fixed term tenancy for a term...

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18 ........................................
19 ........................................
20 ........................................
21 ........................................
22 ........................................
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19. In section 25 of the Local Government Act 1974 (local...

The Consumer Credit Act 1974

20. In section 16 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (exempt...

The Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976

21. In section 28 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 (rehousing:,...

The Rent Act 1977

22. In the Rent Act 1977, sections 68 and 69, Part...
23. In section 77 of that Act (which provides for the...
24. Section 89 of the Rent Act 1977 (which provides for...
25. In section 137 of the Rent Act 1977 (effect on...

The Protection from Eviction Act 1977

26. In section 7 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977...

The Justices of the Peace Act 1979

27. ............................

The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980

28. In Schedule 16 to the Local Government, Planning and Land...
29. In Schedule 28 to the Local Government, Planning and Land...
The Highways Act 1980

30 In Schedule 6 to the Highways Act 1980, in Part...

The New Towns Act 1981

31 In section 22 of the New Towns Act 1981 (possession...

The Acquisition of Land Act 1981

32 (1) In section 12(2) of the Acquisition of Land Act...

The Matrimonial Homes Act 1983

33 ...........................................
34 ...........................................

The County Courts Act 1984

35 (1) In section 66 of the County Courts Act 1984...

The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984

36 In section 22 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act...

The Local Government Act 1985

37 In section 101 of the Local Government Act 1985 (power...

The Housing Act 1985

38 ...........................................
39 ...........................................
40 In section 115 of that Act (meaning of “long tenancy”),...
41 In section 155 of that Act (repayment of discount on...
42 In section 171F of that Act (subsequent dealings after disposal...
43 In section 236 of that Act at the end of...
44 In section 238 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
45 In section 247 of that Act (notification of certain disposals...
46 In section 263 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
47 In Part IX of that Act (slum clearance) in the...
48 In section 309 of that Act (recovery of possession of...
49 In section 323 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
50 In section 368 of that Act (means of escape from...
51 In section 381 of that Act (general effect of control...
52 (1) In section 382 of that Act (effect of control...
53 In section 400 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
54 In section 429A of that Act (housing management: financial assistance...
55 In section 434 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
56 ...........................................
57 ...........................................
58 In section 459 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
59 In section 533 of that Act (assistance for owners of...
60 In section 553 of that Act (effect of repurchase of...
61 (1) In section 554 of that Act (grant of tenancy...
62 In section 577 of that Act (index of defined expressions...
63 In section 612 of that Act (exclusion of Rent Act...
64 In section 622 of that Act (definitions: general) before the...
65 In Schedule 2 to that Act, in Part IV (grounds... 
66 In Schedule 5 to that Act, in paragraph 3, after...

The Landlord and Tenant Act 1985

67 (1) In section 5 of the Landlord and Tenant Act...
68 In section 26 of that Act (tenants of certain public...

The Agricultural Holdings Act 1986

69 (1) In Schedule 3 to the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986...
70 In Schedule 5 to that Act (notice to quit where...

The Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986

71 ............................................
72 ............................................

The Insolvency Act 1986

73 In section 308 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (vesting in...
74 In section 335 of that Act (adjustment between earlier and...
75 In section 351 of that Act (definitions), in paragraph (a),...

The Social Security Act 1986

76 In section 31 of the Social Security Act 1986 (information...

The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

77 In section 12 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (which...
78 In section 13 of that Act (power of Secretary of...
79 In section 61(4)(b) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 after...

The Access to Personal Files Act 1987

80 ............................................

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987

81 In section 33 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987...
82 In section 34 of that Act (bankruptcy in England and...

The Criminal Justice Act 1988

83 In section 84 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (bankruptcy... 
84 In section 85 of that Act (sequestration in Scotland of...

The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988

85 In section 19 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 (notice... 
86 In section 36 of that Act (damages for unlawful eviction)—...
87 In section 38 of that Act (further offence of harassment)—...
88 In section 36 of that Act (damages for unlawful eviction)—...
89 In section 63 of that Act (consent for subsequent disposals)... 
90 In Schedule 4 to that Act (tenancies which cannot be...
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The Land Commission Act 1967

91 ........................................

The Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967

92 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments...)

The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970

93 In section 342 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act...

The Land Compensation Act 1973

94 In section 32(7B)(b) of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (supplementary...)

The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

95 In Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act...

The Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Act 1975

96 In Schedule 2 to the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Act...

The Development of Rural Wales Act 1976

97 ........................................

The Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976

98 In section 5(3) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 (no...)

The Rent Act 1977

99 In section 15(2)(a) of the Rent Act 1977 (landlord's interest... 100 In each of the following provisions of that Act, that...

The Criminal Law Act 1977

101 In section 7(5) of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (authorities...)

The National Health Service Act 1977

102 In section 28A(2)(e) of the National Health Service Act 1977...

103 In section 28B(1)(b)(v) of that Act (power of Secretary of... 104 In Schedule 16 to the Local Government, Planning and Land...

The Finance Act 1981

105 In section 107(3) of the Finance Act 1981 (exemption from...
The Housing Act 1985

106 In the Housing Act 1985 for the words “Housing Corporation”...

107 ........................................

108 In section 57 of that Act (index of defined expressions:...

109 In section 117 of that Act (index of defined expressions:...

110 In section 188 of that Act (index of defined expressions:...

111 In section 238 of that Act (index of defined expressions:...

112 In section 459 of that Act (index of defined expressions:...

113 In section 577 of that Act (index of defined expressions:...

The Landlord and Tenant Act 1987

114 In section 58(1) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987...

The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

115 In section 376(4) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act...

116 In section 560(2)(e) of that Act (persons who are sub-contractors:...

SCHEDULE 18 — Enactments Repealed

1 The repeal of sections 19 to 21 of the Rent...

2 The repeal of section 52 of the Housing Act 1980...

3 The repeal of sections 56 to 58 of the Housing...

4 The repeals in section 80 of the Housing Act 1985—...
Changes to legislation:
Housing Act 1988 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 November 2019. 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.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to :
- s. 5(1)(b) word omitted by 2016 c. 22 s. 63(a)
- s. 5(1)(c) and word inserted by 2016 c. 22 s. 63(b)
- s. 6A(4)(a) words substituted by 2006 c. 48 Sch. 14 para. 15(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 14 para. 15 repealed without ever being in force by 2014 c. 12, Sch. 11 para. 50)
- s. 6A(10A) inserted by 2006 c. 48 Sch. 14 para. 15(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 14 para. 15 repealed without ever being in force by 2014 c. 12, Sch. 11 para. 50)
- s. 5455 by 2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 15(5)
- s. 81(8)(ab) words omitted by 2018 anaw 1 Sch. 1 para. 2(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 12A(1) words omitted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 2(b)(vi)
- Sch. 1 para. 12B and Italic heading repealed by S.I. 2019/745 Sch. 3
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Ground 2A inserted by 2014 anaw 7 s. 138
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Ground 7B words omitted by S.I. 2019/745 reg. 9
- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5