

*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 6

#### *Section 217: Energy efficiency of residential accommodation: England*

511. [Section 217](#) imposes a duty on the Secretary of State to take all reasonable steps to ensure that by 2010 the general level of energy efficiency of residential accommodation in England has increased by at least 20%. The definition of residential accommodation is that contained in the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995. Subsection (2) clarifies that this duty does not affect the duty to designate an aim under the Sustainable Energy Act 2003.