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### SCHEDULE 7

#### SECURE TENANCIES ETC: PHASING OUT OF TENANCIES FOR LIFE

*Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)*

15 After section 115A insert—

#### “115B Meaning of “flexible tenancy”

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a flexible tenancy is a secure tenancy to which any of the following subsections applies.
- (2) This subsection applies to a secure tenancy if—
  - (a) it was granted by a landlord in England for a fixed term of not less than two years,
  - (b) it was granted before the day on which paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 came fully into force, and
  - (c) before it was granted the person who became the landlord under the tenancy served a written notice on the person who became the tenant under the tenancy stating that the tenancy would be a flexible tenancy.
- (3) This subsection applies to a secure tenancy if—
  - (a) it became a secure tenancy by virtue of a notice under paragraph 4ZA(2) of Schedule 1 (family intervention tenancies becoming secure tenancies),
  - (b) the notice was given before the day on which paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 came fully into force,
  - (c) the landlord under the family intervention tenancy in question was a local housing authority in England,
  - (d) the family intervention tenancy was granted to a person on the coming to an end of a flexible tenancy under which the person was a tenant,
  - (e) the notice states that the tenancy is to become a secure tenancy that is a flexible tenancy for a fixed term of the length specified in the notice, and sets out the other express terms of the tenancy, and
  - (f) the length of the term specified in the notice is at least two years.

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- (4) The length of the term of a flexible tenancy that becomes such a tenancy by virtue of subsection (3) is that specified in the notice under paragraph 4ZA(2) of Schedule 1.
- (5) The other express terms of the flexible tenancy are those set out in the notice, so far as those terms are compatible with the statutory provisions relating to flexible tenancies; and in this subsection “statutory provision” means any provision made by or under an Act.
- (6) This subsection applies to a secure tenancy if—
  - (a) it is created by virtue of section 137A of the Housing Act 1996 (introductory tenancies becoming flexible tenancies), or
  - (b) it arises by virtue of section 143MA or 143MB of that Act (demoted tenancies becoming flexible tenancies).”

### **115C Meaning of “old-style secure tenancy” in England**

In this Part “old-style secure tenancy” means a secure tenancy of a dwelling-house in England that—

- (a) is a secure tenancy, other than a flexible tenancy, granted before the day on which paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 came fully into force,
- (b) is a secure tenancy granted on or after that date that contains an express term stating that it is an old-style secure tenancy, or
- (c) is a tenancy that arose by virtue of section 86 on the coming to an end of a secure tenancy within paragraph (a) or (b).”

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 172(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 172(1)(a) by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 172(1)(b) inserted by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)