

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

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PART 12

MISCELLANEOUS

228 Registration of short-term rental properties

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision requiring or permitting the registration of specified short-term rental properties in England.
- (2) "Short-term rental property" means—
 - (a) a dwelling, or part of a dwelling, which is provided by a person ("the host") to another person ("the guest")—
 - (i) for use by the guest as accommodation other than the guest's only or principal residence,
 - (ii) in return for payment (whether or not by the guest), and
 - (iii) in the course of a trade or business carried on by the host, and
 - (b) any dwelling or premises, or part of a dwelling or premises, not falling within paragraph (a) which is specified for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (3) The Secretary of State must consult the public before making the first regulations under this section.
- (4) The requirement in subsection (3) may be satisfied by consultation undertaken before the coming into force of this section.
- (5) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision about or in connection with—
 - (a) who may, or must, maintain the register or registers provided for under this section;
 - (b) who may, or must, register a specified short-term rental property on any register provided for under this section;
 - (c) conditions that must be satisfied for a specified short-term rental property to be registered or conditions that may be placed upon a specified short-term

rental property's registration (including provision about the circumstances in which such conditions may be varied);

- (d) the circumstances in which the registration of a specified short-term rental property may be revoked;
- (e) procedural requirements relating to the registration of a specified short-term rental property, the variation of any conditions placed on the registration or the revocation of the registration;
- (f) appeals against decisions made in relation to the registration of a specified short-term rental property;
- (g) the form or content of—
 - (i) a register provided for under this section,
 - (ii) an application for registration on such a register, or
 - (iii) any other document provided for under this section;
- (h) how the registration of a specified short-term rental property may or must be publicised;
- (i) the collection, provision or publication of information in connection with regulations under this section;
- (j) exemptions from some or all of the requirements imposed by regulations under this section;
- (k) prohibiting the provision of a short-term rental property or anything done wholly or partly for the purposes of promoting such a property to the public or a section of the public, in the course of a trade or business, where the property is not registered or another requirement imposed by regulations under this section has not been met;
- (1) the enforcement of requirements or prohibitions imposed by regulations made under this section.
- (6) Provision under subsection (5)(1) may, in particular, include provision—
 - (a) conferring a power on a court or tribunal;
 - (b) for the imposition of civil sanctions and appeals against such sanctions.
- (7) Regulations under this section may make provision for the imposition of civil sanctions whether or not the conduct in respect of which the sanction is imposed constitutes an offence.

(8) Regulations under this section may—

- (a) provide for the charging of fees or other charges;
- (b) confer a function, including a function involving the exercise of a discretion, on any person;
- (c) relate to all or only part of England (and still discharge the duty in subsection (1)).

(9) In this section—

"civil sanction" means a sanction of a kind for which provision may be made under Part 3 of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 (fixed monetary penalties, discretionary requirements, stop notices, enforcement undertakings);

"premises" includes any place and, in particular, includes-

- (a) any vehicle or vessel;
- (b) any tent or moveable structure;

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

"specified" means specified or described in regulations made under this section.