Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 178(4) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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LANDLORD AND TENANT, ENGLAND

The Rights of Re-entry and Forfeiture (Prescribed Sum and Period) (England) Regulations 2004

Made - - - [] 2004

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1)

The First Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 167(1) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002(1), hereby makes the following Regulations, of which a draft has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament:

Citation, commencement and application

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Rights of Re-entry and Forfeiture (Prescribed Sum and Period) (England) Regulations 2004 and shall come into force on the day after that on which they are made.
- (2) These Regulations apply in relation to dwellings in England that are occupied under a long lease(2).

Prescribed sum and period

- **2.**—(1) The sum prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1)(a) of section 167 (failure to pay small amount for short period) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 is £350.
 - (2) The period prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) of that section is three years.

^{(1) 2002} c. 15. See the definition of "prescribed" in section 167(5) and the definition of "appropriate national authority" in section 179(1)

⁽²⁾ As to "dwelling" and "long lease", see section 167(5) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

2004

Minister of State, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 167(1) of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 prevents a landlord under a long lease of a dwelling from exercising a right of re-entry or forfeiture for failure by a tenant to pay an amount consisting of rent, service charges or administration charges (or a combination of them) unless the unpaid amount exceeds the prescribed sum or consists of, or includes, an amount which has been payable for more than a prescribed period.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations, which apply only in relation to dwellings in England, prescribes the sum of £350 and a period of three years.

A regulatory impact assessment of the implementation of section 167 in the form that is the subject of these Regulations, and in other forms, was included in a Consultation Paper issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in October 2002. A copy may be accessed at www.odpm..gov.uk or obtained from Leasehold Reform Branch, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Zone 2J6, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU (Telephone: 020 7944 3462).