



Housing Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 68

PART XVII

COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND LAND COMPENSATION

Supplementary provisions

600 Powers of entry.

- (1) A person authorised by the local housing authority or the Secretary of State may at any reasonable time, on giving 24 hours' notice of his intention to the occupier, and to the owner if the owner is known, enter premises for the purpose of survey and examination where it appears to the authority or the Secretary of State that survey or examination is necessary in order to determine whether any powers under this Part should be exercised in respect of the premises.
- (2) An authorisation for the purposes of this section shall be in writing stating the particular purpose or purposes for which the entry is authorised.

601 Penalty for obstruction.

- (1) It is a summary offence to obstruct an officer of the local housing authority or of the Secretary of State, or any person authorised to enter premises in pursuance of this Part, in the performance of anything which he is by this Part required or authorised to do.
- (2) A person committing such an offence is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

602 Minor definitions.

In this Part—

“house” includes any yard, garden, outhouses and appurtenances belonging to the house or usually enjoyed with it;

“owner” in relation to premises—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) means a person (other than a mortgagee not in possession) who is for the time being entitled to dispose of the fee simple in the premises, whether in possession or in reversion, and
- (b) includes also a person holding or entitled to the rents and profits of the premises under a lease of which the unexpired term exceeds three years.

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