

# Landlord and Tenant Act 1987

## CHAPTER 31

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Termination of rights against purchasers or subsequent purchasers

17 Termination of rights against purchaser or subsequent purchaser.

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Duty of nominated person to redeem mortgages

2 (1) Where in accordance with section 12B(5)(a) an instrument will...

Determination of amounts due in respect of mortgages

3 (1) For the purpose of determining the amount payable in...

#### Payments into court

4 (1) Where under section 12B(5)(a) any property is to be...

#### Savings

5 (1) Where any property is discharged by section 12B(5)(a) from... Part II — DISCHARGE IN PURSUANCE OF ACQUISITION ORDERS

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Construction

6 In this Part of this Schedule— "the consideration payable" means...

Duty of nominated person to redeem mortgages

7 (1) Where in accordance with section 32(1) an instrument will...

Determination of amounts due in respect of mortgages

8 (1) For the purpose of determining the amount payable in...

#### Payments into court

9 (1) Where under section 32 any premises are to be...

#### Savings

10 (1) Where any premises are discharged by section 32 from...

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1 In section 18(1) of the 1985 Act, for "flat" substitute...

Limitation of service charges: reasonableness

2 In section 19 of the 1985 Act—

Limitation of service charges: estimates and consultation

3 The following section shall be substituted for section 20 of...

Additional limitations on service charges

4 The following sections shall be inserted in the 1985 Act...

Request for summary of relevant costs

5 (1) Section 21 of the 1985 Act shall be amended...

Request to inspect supporting accounts etc.

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Effect of assignment on request

7 In section 24 of the 1985 Act, for "flat" substitute...

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8 In section 27 of the 1985 Act, for "flat" substitute...

Meaning of "qualified accountant"

9 (1) Section 28 of the 1985 Act shall be amended...

Meaning of "recognised tenants' association"

10 (1) Section 29 of the 1985 Act shall be amended...

## Definitions

11 In section 30— (a) omit the definition of "flat"; and...

## SCHEDULE 3 — RIGHTS OF TENANTS WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE

## Construction

1 In this Schedule— "landlord", in relation to a tenant by...

Request for summary of insurance cover

2 (1) Where a service charge is payable by the tenant...

Request to inspect insurance policy etc.

3 (1) This paragraph applies where a tenant, or the secretary...

Request relating to insurance effected by superior landlord

4 (1) If a request is made under paragraph 2 in...

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5 The assignment of a tenancy does not affect the validity...

Failure to comply with paragraph 2, 3 or 4 an offence

6 (1) It is a summary offence for a person to...

Tenant's right to notify insurers of possible claim

7 (1) This paragraph applies to any dwelling in respect of...

*Right to challenge landlord's choice of insurers* 

8 (1) This paragraph applies to a tenancy of a dwelling...

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- 1 In section 49(1) (rules to provide for notices of other...
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- 3 In Schedule 13 (provisions with respect to residuary bodies)—
- 4 In section 45 (disposals in relation to which ss.46 to...
- 5 Omit section 49 (information held by superior landlord).
- 6 In section 50(1) (offences), omit "or 49".
- 7 ....

SCHEDULE 5 — REPEALS

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