



# Energy Act 2013

## 2013 CHAPTER 32

### PART 6 U.K.

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS

### CHAPTER 1 E+W+S

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION

##### *Fuel poverty*

#### 145 Fuel poverty E+W

- (1) The Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 1 insert—

##### **“1A Objective for addressing fuel poverty: England**

- (1) The Secretary of State must make regulations setting out an objective for addressing the situation of persons in England who live in fuel poverty.
- (2) The regulations must specify a target date for achieving the objective.
- (3) Regulations under this section must be made by statutory instrument; and a statutory instrument containing such regulations may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay a draft of the instrument before each House of Parliament within 6 months of the day on which section 145 of the Energy Act 2013 comes into force.

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### **1B Strategy relating to fuel poverty: England**

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare and publish a strategy setting out the Secretary of State's policies for achieving the objective set out in regulations under section 1A by the target date specified in the regulations.
  - (2) The strategy must be published within 6 months of the day on which the first regulations under section 1A come into force.
  - (3) The strategy must—
    - (a) describe the households to which it applies,
    - (b) specify a comprehensive package of measures for achieving the objective by the target date, and
    - (c) specify interim objectives to be achieved and target dates for achieving them.
  - (4) The Secretary of State must take such steps as are in the Secretary of State's opinion necessary to implement the strategy.
  - (5) The Secretary of State must—
    - (a) from time to time assess the impact of steps taken under subsection (4) and the progress made in achieving the objectives and meeting the target dates,
    - (b) make any revision of the strategy which the Secretary of State thinks appropriate in consequence of the assessment,
    - (c) from time to time publish reports on such assessments.
  - (6) If—
    - (a) further regulations under section 1A are made revising an objective or the target date for achieving it, and
    - (b) the Secretary of State considers that changes to the strategy are necessary or desirable as a result of those regulations,
 the Secretary of State must revise the strategy within 6 months of the day on which those regulations come into force.
  - (7) If the Secretary of State revises the strategy, the Secretary of State must publish the strategy as revised.
  - (8) In preparing the strategy or any revision of the strategy, the Secretary of State must consult—
    - (a) local authorities or associations of local authorities,
    - (b) persons appearing to the Secretary of State to represent the interests of persons living in fuel poverty,
    - (c) the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, and
    - (d) such other persons as the Secretary of State thinks fit.”
- (3) In section 2—
- (a) in the title, after “**poverty**” insert “ : **Wales** ”;
  - (b) in subsection (1), after “strategy” insert “ as respects Wales ”;
  - (c) in subsection (2)(d), omit “England or”;
  - (d) in subsection (8)—

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- (i) in the definition of “the appropriate authority”, omit paragraph (a),  
and
- (ii) in the definition of “the relevant commencement”, omit paragraph (a).

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 68(4) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 302\(4\)](#)