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Clause 24

COMMONS AMENDMENT 16

Baroness Hayman to move, as an amendment to the motion that the House do agree with the Commons in their Amendment 16, at end insert ", and do propose the following Amendment instead of the words so left out of the Bill—

After Clause 23, insert the following new Clause –

"Standards relating to energy efficiency and the warmer social homes action plan

- (1) In section 193 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (standards relating to consumer matters), after subsection (2) insert
 - "(2A) In setting standards relating to energy efficiency, the regulator shall have regard to the Government's warmer social homes action plan."
- (2) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, consult on a warmer social homes action plan to include but not limited to the following
 - (a) achieving a low-carbon heat target, of 100% of installations of relevant heating appliances and connections to relevant heat networks in social housing properties being low-carbon from 2035;
 - (b) achieving an energy-efficiency target, of all social housing properties attaining a minimum EPC C rating by 2030 where practical, cost-effective and affordable;
 - (c) interim targets relating to the targets in paragraphs (a) and (b) at not less than three-yearly intervals;
 - (d) the financial assistance made available to registered social housing landlords in relation to low-carbon heating and energy efficiency, including by way of grant, loan, guarantee or indemnity, and the conditions to which such assistance may be subject.

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(3) The Secretary of State must respond to the consultation conducted under subsection (2) and publish a final warmer social homes action plan within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed.""

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