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Home Energy Efficiency Targets (Scotland) Bill

[AS INTRODUCED]

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the Scottish Ministers to establish targets for improvements in home energy efficiency, and to take steps, including preparation of a plan, to achieve the targets.

1 Principal duties of the Scottish Ministers

- 5 (1) The Scottish Ministers shall, no later than one year after this Act comes into force, lay before the Scottish Parliament and publish—
- (a) a target for improvement in home energy efficiency, to be achieved by 2011 (that target to be no less than 20% compared to 2002);
 - 10 (b) a further target for improvement in home energy efficiency, to be achieved by 2020 (that target to be no less than 40% compared to 2002);
 - (c) a plan setting out the measures which the Scottish Ministers propose to take to achieve the targets.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Scottish Ministers to promote the achievement of the targets.
- 15 (3) As soon as practicable after the end of each successive period of one year following publication of the plan, the Scottish Ministers shall lay before the Scottish Parliament, and publish, a report describing the progress—
- (a) made during that period; and
 - (b) which they expect to make during the following period of one year, toward achievement of the targets.

20 2 The plan

- (1) The plan shall comprise the matters listed in the schedule and shall relate them separately to each of the targets mentioned in section 1(1)(a) and (b).
- (2) Before preparing the plan, the Scottish Ministers shall, as they think appropriate, consult such persons appearing to them to have an interest in the targets.

- (3) The Scottish Ministers shall from time to time, and in any event within 3 months after the day on which the poll at any general election to the Scottish Parliament has been held, review the plan and, if they think fit, modify it; but—
- 5 (a) before modifying the plan they shall, as they think appropriate, consult such persons appearing to them to have an interest in the targets; and
- (b) on modifying the plan they shall lay before the Scottish Parliament, and publish, a revised plan incorporating the modifications.

3 Interpretation

In this Act—

10 “home energy efficiency” means the energy efficiency of residential accommodation, measured in terms of a methodology approved by the Scottish Ministers;

“residential accommodation” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (c.10);

15 “plan” means the plan mentioned in section 1(1)(c) (and includes a revised plan published under section 2(3)(b)).

4 Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as the Home Energy Efficiency Targets (Scotland) Act 2006.

SCHEDULE
(introduced by section 2)

MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN

Interim objectives

- 5 1 A statement of interim objectives towards the achievement of the targets.

Resources and financial assistance

- 2 2 A statement of the resources, if any, (including financial assistance) which the Scottish Ministers propose to provide to achieve the targets.

Other assistance

- 10 3 A statement of other assistance, if any, (including the provision of information or advice) which the Scottish Ministers propose to provide to achieve the targets.

Research

- 15 4 Details of research, if any, which the Scottish Ministers have commissioned, and propose to commission, for the purpose of achieving the targets, and details of the resources required, and those proposed, for such research.

Functions of others

- 5 5 Details of—
 (a) the functions which it is proposed that any person other than the Scottish Ministers is to have in relation to the achievement of the targets; and
20 (b) the policy of the Scottish Ministers for co-ordinating the exercise of their functions and those of any such person.

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