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Explanatory Memorandum

1. This Bill is promoted by Mr Baker MHK on behalf of the Council of Ministers.
2. The Bill has one purpose, to revoke the Sale of Houses Regulations 1958 (GC 6/58) made by the Governor. The effect of these Regulations would have been to impose positive covenants on the sale of public sector housing with regard to maintenance and the repayment of mortgages. The latter provisions are inconsistent with the later, more generous, provisions on the sale of public sector housing under (e.g.) the First Time Buyers' Scheme. In addition, so far as is known, none of the covenants in the Regulations has ever been enforced.
3. Clauses 1 and 2 provide for the citation and commencement of the resulting Act.
4. Clause 3 provides that the Regulations, and an amending set of Regulations made in 1981, are to be treated as having been revoked on 1 January 1982.
5. In the opinion of the member moving the Bill its provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 2001.



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- 1 **A BILL** to revoke the Sale of Houses Regulations 1958 with retrospective effect;
2 and for connected purposes
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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

3 **1 Short title**

4 The short title of this Act is the Public Housing Act 2020.

5 **2 Commencement**

6 This Act comes into operation on Royal Assent to it being announced to
7 Tynwald.

8 **3 Sale of Houses Regulations 1958 revoked on 1 January 1982**

9 The Sale of Housing Regulations 1958 and the Sale of Housing (Amendment)
10 Regulations 1981 are to be treated for all purposes as having been revoked on 1
11 January 1982.

IN THE COUNCIL

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A **BILL** to revoke the Sale of Houses Regulations 1958 with retrospective effect; and for connected purposes

Leave to introduce given by the Council of Ministers on 10 March 2020

MR BAKER

JUNE 2020