

Two months' notice

for tenants whose
landlord is repossessed

Thanks to Citizens Advice, Shelter, Crisis and CiH

Problem

Private tenants, whose landlord had not paid their mortgage, could be evicted with little notice if their property was repossessed. This was clearly unfair to tenants who may have always paid their rent, leaving them with little chance of finding somewhere else to live before becoming homeless.

Campaign

Citizens Advice lobbied for over a year with Shelter, Crisis and the Chartered Institute of Housing (CiH) for legal protection for tenants in this situation.

Former MP, Brian Iddon put forward this legislation in a private members bill, which was steered through parliament with support from Lord Best, despite a packed pre-election timetable. Bureaux urged their MPs to support the bill, this was crucial to its success.

Impact

The Mortgage Repossessions (Protection of Tenants) Act will come into force in October 2010. It gives private tenants the right to ask for a repossession to be delayed for up to two months so they can look for a new home.

324,000 tenants will be protected from immediate eviction if their landlord is repossessed.

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