Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 190(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Civil Penalties) Regulations 2012

Made - - - -	*2012*
Coming into force - -	*1st October 2012*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 115C(2), 115D(1) and (2), 189(1) and 191 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**1**).

In accordance with section 190(1) of that Act (**2**), a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament

This instrument contains only regulations made by virtue of section 116(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012(**3**) and is made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into force of that section(**4**).

In so far as these Regulations relate to housing benefit and council tax benefit, in accordance with section 176(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**5**), consultation has taken place with organisations appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the authorities concerned.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Civil Penalties) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 1st October 2012.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Act" means the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

(**1**) 1992 c.5. Sections 115C and 115D are inserted by section 116(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5). Section 189(1) is amended by paragraph 109(a) of Schedule 7 to the Social Security Act 1998 (c.14). Section 191 is cited for the definition of "prescribe".

(**2**) Section 116(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 inserts paragraph (zzb) into section 190(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 so as to prescribe the relevant Parliamentary control for regulations made under section 115C(2) and 115D(1) and (2) of that Act.

(**3**) 2012 c.5.

(**4**) *See* section 173(5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

(**5**) Section 176(1) is amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c.14), paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 13 to the Housing Act 1996 (c.52) and section 69(6) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19).