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A Bill to amend the Housing Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Housing (Amendment) Ordinance 2002.

2. Establishment and constitution of the  
Housing Authority

Section 3(3)(a) of the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) is amended by adding "or (c)" after "(2)(b)".

3. Appeal panel and tribunals

Section 7A is amended---

(a) in subsection (1)---

(i) by repealing "Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands" and substituting "Chief Executive";

(ii) by repealing "Secretary thinks" and substituting "Chief Executive thinks";

(b) in subsection (3), by repealing "Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands" and substituting "Chief Executive";

(c) in subsection (7), by repealing "Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands" and substituting "Chief Executive in Council".

4. Transitional provision

Any appeal which is commenced under section 20(1) of the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) before the commencement of this Ordinance and is not disposed of on such commencement may be continued and disposed of as if section 3 of this Ordinance had not been enacted.

Explanatory Memorandum

The main purpose of this Bill is to amend the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) ("the Ordinance") to---

(a) enable the Chief Executive to appoint any public officer appointed by him as a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority as the Chairman of the Authority (clause 2);

(b) transfer to the Chief Executive the power of the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands to appoint a panel for hearing appeals under section 20(1) of the Ordinance (clause 3).

2. Clause 4 provides for transitional arrangements for pending appeals under section 20(1) of the Ordinance.