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Outline

The objective of this Bill is amend the *Energy Efficiency Ratings (Sale of Premises) Act 1997* to clarify the coverage of the Act and the offences contained in the Act.

Clause 1 - provides the short title of the Act

Clauses 2 and 3 - provide that the Act will commence on 31 March 1999, in line with the commencement of the main provisions of the principal Act, the *Energy Efficiency Ratings (Sale of Premises) Act 1997*.

Clauses 4 and 5 - amend sections 3 and 5 of the principal Act to make clear that only premises that may lawfully be used for residential purposes require an energy efficiency rating statement. Caravans and mobile homes are also excluded.

Clause 6 - amends section 7 of the principal Act to provide that the energy efficiency rating statement may form part of the contract for sale of the premises.

Clause 7 - inserts two additional offences into the principal Act, namely that a person shall not prepare an energy efficiency rating statement that is false or misleading, and that a person shall not give to another person false or misleading information that is required for preparing an energy efficiency rating statement.

Financial implications

There are no costs to Government associated with these amendments.