



CHAPTER 66

An Act to provide for the training in civil defence of persons serving terms of part-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and other members of the armed forces of the Crown, and to remove doubts as to the civil defence functions of members of those forces; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.
[25th November, 1954]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1.—(1) The Civil Defence Act, 1948, shall have effect as if the functions of the designated Minister which are specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (1) of section one of that Act included the making of arrangements for the provision of training in civil defence for persons serving their term of part-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, or any class of such persons to whom the arrangements relate; and the training which such persons may under that Act be required to undergo shall include training provided in pursuance of the arrangements.

Civil defence training for part-time National Servicemen, etc.
12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5.
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 64.

(2) The arrangements referred to in the foregoing subsection may provide for the training in civil defence of members of the armed forces of the Crown other than such persons as aforesaid.

(3) In section ten of the Crown Proceedings Act, 1947 (which relates to actions of tort in respect of injury to members of the armed forces of the Crown) the references to use for the purposes of the armed forces of the Crown shall include references to use for the purpose of training in civil defence in pursuance of such arrangements as aforesaid.

10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 44.

(4) Any increase attributable to this section in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section

seven of the Civil Defence Act, 1948, shall be defrayed out of moneys so provided; and the said arrangements may provide for the reimbursement by the designated Minister, out of such moneys, of such amounts as the Treasury may determine in respect of the pay of, and other expenses incurred on account of, members of the naval, military or air forces receiving training under the arrangements referred to in subsection (1) of this section, being amounts which would otherwise fall to be met out of moneys provided by Parliament for navy, army or air force services.

Duties of armed forces include civil defence and training therefor.

2. It is hereby declared that the duties which members of the armed forces of the Crown may be called upon to undertake as members of those forces include civil defence and the undergoing of training therein, and nothing in the provisions of this Act shall be construed as limiting the generality of this section.

Short title and interpretation.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Civil Defence (Armed Forces) Act, 1954.

(2) In this Act the expression “civil defence” includes any measures not amounting to actual combat for affording defence against any form of hostile attack by a foreign power or for depriving any form of hostile attack by a foreign power of the whole or part of its effect, whether the measures are taken before, at or after the time of the attack, and the expression “designated Minister” has the same meaning as in the Civil Defence Act, 1948.

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