



Cleansing of Persons Act 1897

1897 CHAPTER 31 60 and 61 Vict

An Act to permit Local Authorities to provide
Cleansing and Disinfection for Persons infested with Vermin.

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[6th August 1897]

Editorial Information

X1 This Act is not necessarily in the form in which it has effect in Northern Ireland

Textual Amendments

- F1 Act repealed (E.W.) by [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 346, [Sch. 3 Pt. V](#) and [Public Health \(London\) Act 1936 \(c. 50\)](#), [Sch. 7](#)
- F2 Act repealed (S.) (1.10.2009) by [Public Health etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2008 \(asp 5\)](#), s. 128(2), [Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#) (with [ss. 126\(2\), 127](#)); [S.S.I. 2009/319](#), art. 2(a), [Sch. 1](#)

1 Power to local authorities to provide cleansing, &c. for persons infested with vermin.

...^{F3} Any local authority shall have the power, when in their discretion they shall see fit, to permit any person who shall apply to the said authority, on the ground that he is infested with vermin, to have the use, free of charge, of the apparatus (if any) which the authority possess for cleansing the person and his clothing from vermin ...^{F4}

Local authorities may expend any reasonable sum on buildings, appliances, and attendants that may be required for the carrying out of this Act ...^{F5}

Textual Amendments

- F3 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1908 \(c. 49\)](#)
- F4 Words repealed by [National Assistance Act 1948 \(c. 29\)](#), [Sch. 7 Pt. III](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Cleansing of Persons Act 1897. (See end of Document for details)

F5 Words repealed by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1947 \(c. 43\), s. 381, Sch. 14](#)

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Textual Amendments

F6 S. 2 repealed by virtue of [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\), s. 346, Sch. 3 Pt. V](#) and [Public Health \(London\) Act 1936 \(c. 50\), Sch. 7](#)

3 Application to Scotland.

In the application of this Act to Scotland, “local authority” means and includes any local authority under the ^{M1}[^{F7}Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897], and any Acts amending that Act; but the local authority shall not erect buildings for the purposes of section one hereof, except with the sanction of the [^{F8}Secretary of State].

Textual Amendments

F7 Words substituted by virtue of [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\), s. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#)

F8 Words substituted by virtue of [Scottish Board of Health Act 1919 \(c. 20\), s. 4\(1\)\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 1, Reorganisation of Offices \(Scotland\) Act 1928 \(c. 34\), s. 1\(1\)\(4\)\(a\)](#) and [Reorganisation of Offices \(Scotland\) Act 1939 \(c. 20\), s. 1\(1\)\(6\)\(b\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1897 c. 38.

4 Application to Ireland.

In the application of this Act to Ireland,—

- (1) The expression “local authority” means a sanitary authority under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts 1878 to 1896:
- (2) Any expenses incurred by a local authority in the execution of this Act shall be paid as part of the expenses of such authority in the execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts 1878 to 1896, and in the case of a rural authority shall be general expenses:
- (3) A local authority shall not purchase or erect buildings for the purposes of this Act without the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland.

5 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Cleansing of Persons Act 1897.

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