



Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967

1967 CHAPTER 36

PART I

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

8 Provisions as to library books.

- (1) Where^[F1] the Director of Public Health has reason to believe that a person is suffering from a notifiable disease he may by notice in writing direct—
 - (a) that person not to take, cause to be taken for his use, or use, any book taken from a library; or
 - (b) that person not to return or cause to be returned to any library any book which has been exposed to infection from such a disease while under his control; or
 - (c) any person not to deliver to the person suffering from the notifiable disease any book which has been or may be taken from any library; or
 - (d) any person not to return to any library any book which he knows to have been in contact with a person suffering from a notifiable disease,unless such precautions as may be specified in the notice have been taken.
- (2) Any person who acts in contravention of a notice under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.
- (3) Where ^[F2] the Regional Agency is aware that a book in, or taken from, a library has been exposed to infection from a notifiable disease, they may disinfect the book and return it to the library, or cause it to be disinfected and so returned, or destroy it.
- (4) ^[F3] The Regional Agency may pay compensation to the proprietors of a library who have suffered loss by reason of any action taken under subsection (3).
- (5) Where a person acts in contravention of a notice under subsection (1), ^[F4] the Regional Agency may recover summarily from that person—
 - (a) the cost of any action taken under subsection (3), and
 - (b) the amount of any compensation paid under subsection (4),as a civil debt due to ^[F5] the Regional Agency].

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- F1** Words in Act substituted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(1)**; S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**
- F2** Words in Act substituted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(2)**; S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**
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