



# Public Health and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1955

## 1955 CHAPTER 13

An Act to extend the powers of certain public authorities to supply water, to increase the amount recoverable by local authorities in respect of expenses of providing water supplies, and to provide for the incidence of certain water rates; to restrict the use of public sewers for private purposes; to regulate the provision of sanitary conveniences at certain sports grounds; to provide for the variation of stallages, rents and tolls for markets and slaughter-houses, and to declare the law touching the extent of certain slaughter-house charges; to extend the powers of certain local authorities with respect to war memorials; to enable the honorary freedom of certain boroughs to be conferred on persons other than individuals; to increase the sums which rural district councils may subscribe to their association; to empower certain local authorities to contribute towards the maintenance or establishment of certain museums; to empower urban sanitary authorities to adopt private streets; to empower certain local authorities to acquire or provide, and to furnish, accommodation for certain public purposes, and to acquire land for the purpose of such provision; to provide for the annual audit of the accounts of certain local authorities; to extend the term for the repayment of sums temporarily borrowed by local authorities; to make further provision with respect to the sealing of contracts by local authorities; to impose penalties on members of certain local authorities who participate in matters while pecuniarily interested; to provide for the variation of the rate of interest payable on certain compensation moneys; to empower certain local authorities to pay travelling and subsistence allowances to their members and to insure their members against accidents; to declare the powers of county councils with respect to the collection of rates in one sum; to empower certain local authorities to establish certain special funds; to provide for the dissolution and transfer of functions of town commissioners; to facilitate the payment of local government superannuation benefits in certain special circumstances, and make further provision

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as to the superannuation of certain officers of joint bodies; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [21st June 1955]

## PUBLIC HEALTH PROVISIONS

*S. 1 rep. by 1973 NI 2*

## 2 Expenses of provision of water supply recoverable by district councils.

The amount of expenses which a [<sup>F1</sup> district council] may recover in respect of the provision by them of a supply of water under section five of the Water Supplies and Sewerage Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 <sup>M1</sup>, shall be increased to fifty pounds, but such expenses shall be recoverable in respect only of certain things provided and done for the purposes of that section, and accordingly ... *residue, with Schedule, substitutes proviso to s.5(5) of 1945 c.17 (NI)*

**F1** SRO (NI) 1973/285

### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1945 c. 17

*S. 3 rep. by 1973 NI 2*

## 4 Provision of sanitary conveniences, etc., at sports grounds, inns and other places of refreshment or entertainment.

The owner or occupier of any sports ground, or any inn, public-house, beer-house, eating-house, refreshment-house or place of public entertainment anywhere in Northern Ireland shall, if so required by notice in writing by the [<sup>F2</sup> district council], provide and maintain thereon—

- (a) in the case of a sports ground, such sanitary conveniences;
- (b) in the case of any other such house or place as aforesaid, such urinals;

as may be so required, and accordingly ... *residue, with Schedule, substitutes s.44 of 1907 c.53*

**F2** SRO (NI) 1973/285

## 5 Variation of certain stallages, rents and tolls.

(1) A [<sup>F3</sup> district council] empowered by any enactment (whether public general or local)

- (a) to establish and regulate markets; or
- (b) to provide and regulate slaughter-houses; and
- (c) to take stallages, rents or tolls in respect of the use of markets or slaughter-houses;

may, notwithstanding anything in such enactment, from time to time—

- (i) vary the amount of any such stallages or rents;

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- (ii) vary the kinds, descriptions, quantities or numbers of commodities or animals in respect of which such tolls may be taken;
  - (iii) with the approval of the Ministry fix the tolls to be taken in respect of such markets or slaughter-houses;
- and accordingly ... *residue, with Schedule, inserts s.105A in 1878 c.52*
- Subs. (2) repeals in pt. proviso to s. 36 of 1847 c. 14*

**F3** SRO (NI) 1973/285

## **6 Inclusion in slaughter-house tolls of charges for services.**

It is hereby declared that a power conferred in whatsoever words by any enactment (whether public general or local) on any [<sup>F4</sup> district council] to take tolls or make charges in respect of the use of a slaughter-house includes and always has included power to make charges in respect of any services provided by the [<sup>F4</sup> council] at that slaughter-house, and accordingly ... *residue, with Schedule, inserts s.105B in 1878 c.52*

**F4** SRO (NI) 1973/285

*S. 7 rep. by SRO (NI) 1973/285*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS

## **8 Powers of district councils as respects war memorials.**

The powers conferred on [<sup>F5</sup> district councils] by section seven of the Act of 1923 with respect to war memorials shall be extended, and accordingly ... *residue, with Schedule, substitutes s.7(1)(2)(b) of 1923 c.31 (NI)*

**F5** SRO (NI) 1973/285

*Ss. 9#25 rep. by 1962 c. 12 (NI); 1964 c. 14 (NI); 1966 c. 38 (NI); 1972 c. 9 (NI); 1972 NI 10; 1972 NI 16; SLR 1976; 1981 NI 14*

## **26 Interpretation.**

In this Act—

“Act of 1878” means the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 ;

*Definition spent*

“Act of 1923” means the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 ;

*Definition spent*

“Act of 1934” means the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 ;

*Definition spent*

“enactment” includes an enactment in a local or private Act;

“Minister” and “Ministry” mean respectively the Minister and Ministry of Health and Local Government<sup>F6</sup>.

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<b>F6</b> Now D/Env., SRO (NI) 1964/205; 1972/111; 1973/504; 1976 NI 6
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**27 Short title, citation and commencement.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Health and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1955.
- (2) Sections one to three, and so much of sections twenty-five to twenty-seven and the Schedule as relates to those sections, and the Supplies and Sewerage Acts (Northern Ireland), 1945 and 1949, may be cited together as the Water and Sewerage Acts (Northern Ireland), 1945 to 1955.
- (3) Sections one to seven, and so much of sections twenty-five to twenty-seven and the Schedule as relates to those sections, and the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1949, may be cited together as the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1955.
- (4) Sections eight to eighteen, and so much of sections twenty-five to twenty-seven and the Schedule as relates to those sections, the Act of 1946 and the Local Governments Act (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1948, may be cited together as the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1955.
- (5) *Spent*
- (6) *Commencement*

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## *Schedule - Amendments*

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