

General Rate Act 1967

1967 CHAPTER 9

PART III

LIABILITY, VALUATION, RELIEFS, ETC.

Special reliefs in respect of dwellings

50 Right to pay rates on dwelling by instalments.

- (1) Without prejudice to section 3(4) of this Act or any other power of a rating authority to make provision for the payment of rates by instalments, any person who (not being a tenant or licensee of the rating authority who pays his rates as part of his rent) is the occupier of, and resides or is usually resident in, a hereditament which—
 - (a) either is a dwelling-house or, though not a dwelling house, is within the meaning of section 115(3) of this Act used mainly for the purposes of a private dwelling or private dwellings; and
 - (b) is not the subject of arrangements made by virtue of section 55 or 56 of this Act or any local Act whereby the payment of rates thereon is made by or through the owner,

may by notice in writing to the rating authority given in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 to this Act elect to pay any rates in respect of that hereditament by instalments in accordance with the said Schedule 10; and, as from the date which under the said paragraph 1 is the effective date of that notice until in pursuance of section 51(2) of this Act or of paragraph 6 of the said Schedule 10 that notice ceases to be in force, any rates in respect of the rate period in which that date falls or any subsequent rate period which are charged on that person in respect of that hereditament shall be payable by instalments accordingly.

- (2) Where in the case of any hereditament such as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section—
 - (a) the persons who reside or are usually resident therein consist wholly or mainly of persons who are beneficiaries of a charity (that is to say, of any body of

persons or trust which appears to the Minister to be established wholly or mainly for charitable purposes); and

(b) the rates thereon are paid by that charity either as occupier of the hereditament or in pursuance of arrangements made between the charity and the persons who reside or are usually resident in the hereditament,

the Minister may direct that that hereditament shall be treated for the purposes of the said subsection (1) as if the charity were both the occupier of, and residing in, that hereditament.

- (3) Without prejudice to paragraph (b)(ii) of the proviso to section 54(1) of this Act, no allowance by way of discount shall be made by virtue of any provision for like purposes to those of the said section 54(1) contained in any local Act on any amount payable by way of an instalment under this section.
- (4) This section shall not extend to the Temples.