

# Health Services and Public Health Act 1968

# **CHAPTER 46**

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# PART I

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- 17 Alteration of references to services provided in accordance with arrangements under section 41 of the 1946 Act
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- 19 General ophthalmic services in Scotland
- 20 Redefinition of "dispensing optician" and "ophthalmic optician" for purposes of the 1946 and 1947 Acts
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- 35 Compensation for loss of employment, and c, attributable to reorganisation of provision of hospital services, and c
- 36 Payment of allowances and remuneration to members of certain bodies established by or under the 1946 Act and members of certain other bodies in England and Wales
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- 4 An Executive Council shall not acquire land except with the...
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(10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 27)

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(11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29)

The Midwives Act 1951

(14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 53)

The Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958

(6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 33)

The Local Government Act 1958

(6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 55)

The Mental Health Act 1959

(7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 72)

The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960

(8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 61)

The Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962

(10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 33)

The London Government Act 1963

(1963 c. 33)

The General Rate Act 1967

(1967 c. 9)

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