



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Miscellaneous

[^{F1}138B Involvement with religious events and events connected with a belief

- (1) A local authority in England may support or facilitate, or make arrangements to be represented at, any of the following—
 - (a) a religious event,
 - (b) an event with a religious element,
 - (c) an event connected with a religious or philosophical belief, or
 - (d) an event with an element connected with such a belief.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit other powers.
- (3) Any powers of a local authority in England that are given otherwise than under subsection (1) may be exercised—
 - (a) for the purpose of supporting or facilitating any event mentioned in subsection (1), or
 - (b) for purposes that include that purpose.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not limit the generality of those powers.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 138A, 138B inserted (26.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Religious etc. Observances\) Act 2015](#) (c. 27), [ss. 1, 3\(2\)](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 138B modified by 1995 c. 25, Sch. 8 para. 3(1A) (as inserted (26.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Religious etc. Observances\) Act 2015 \(c. 27\)](#), **ss. 2(3), 3(2)**)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)