



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART IX

FUNCTIONS

The environment

180 Public health.

- (1) For the purposes of the enactments to which this section applies, the local authority and sanitary authority (whether urban or not) shall—
- (a) for a district, be the district council;
 - (b) for a London borough, be the borough council;
 - (c) for the City, be the Common Council;
 - (d) for the Inner Temple and Middle Temple, be the Sub-Treasurer and the Under Treasurer thereof respectively;
 - [^{F1}(e) for a Welsh county or county borough, be the county council or county borough council;]

but the foregoing provision shall have effect subject to the other provisions of this Act and, in particular, to Schedule 14 to this Act and, as respects any area in Greater London, to Part I of Schedule 11 to the 1963 Act.

- (2) The ^{M1}Public Health Act 1936 shall have effect subject to the amendments and modifications specified in Part I of Schedule 14 to this Act and Part II of that Schedule shall have effect for making amendments and modifications to other enactments relating to public health, building control, public parks, lighting and related matters.
- (3) This section applies to the following enactments:—
- (a) the Public Health Acts 1875 to 1925;
 - [^{F2}(b) the ^{M2}Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act 1906;]
 - (c) the ^{M3}Public Health Act 1936, except so much of it as falls within section 181(1) or (2) below;

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- [^{F3}(d) section 8 of the ^{M4}Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953;]
- (e) Part XIII of the ^{M5}Mines and Quarries Act 1954;
- ^{F4}(f)
- [^{F3}(g) section 1 of the ^{M6}Noise Abatement Act 1960;]
- (h) the ^{M7}Public Health Act 1961, except so much of it as falls within section 181(2) below;
- ^{F5}(i)
- ^{F6}(j)
- (k) section 6 of the ^{M8}Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.

- (4) Expressions used in this section and Schedule 14 to this Act and in the ^{M9}Public Health Act 1936 shall, except so far as the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings respectively in this section and that Schedule as they have in that Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 180(1) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 35** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F2** S. 180(3)(b) repealed (*prosp.*) by Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43, SIF 46:4), ss. 162(2), 164(3), **Sch. 16 Pt. I**
- F3** S. 180(3)(d)(g) repealed (*prosp.*) by Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c. 40), s. 109(2), **Sch. 4**
- F4** S. 180(3)(f) repealed (27.8.1993) by 1993 c. 11, ss. 67(3), 68(2), **Sch. 6**.
- F5** S. 180(3)(i) repealed by Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c. 22, SIF 100:1), s. 78, **Sch. 3**
- F6** S. 180(3)(j) repealed by Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43, SIF 46:4), s. 162(2), **Sch. 16 Pt. III**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1936 c. 49.
- M2** 1906 c. 14.
- M3** 1936 c. 49.
- M4** 1953 c. 26.
- M5** 1954 c. 70.
- M6** 1960 c. 68.
- M7** 1961 c. 64.
- M8** 1970 c. 44.
- M9** 1936 c. 49.

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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](#)