



# Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 22

### PART II

#### CONTROL OF DISEASE

##### *Common lodging-houses*

#### **39 Keeper of common lodging-house to notify case of infectious disease**

- (1) Where a person in a common lodging-house is suffering from any infectious disease, the keeper of the lodging-house shall immediately give notice of the case to the local authority for the district.
- (2) A keeper of a lodging-house who fails to comply with subsection (1) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale and to a further fine not exceeding £2 for each day on which the offence continues after conviction.
- (3) The local authority within whose district a common lodging-house is situated shall, if possible on the day on which they receive a notice under subsection (1) above and in any case within 48 hours after the receipt of the notice, send a copy of the notice to the Area Health Authority within whose area, or the District Health Authority within whose district, that lodging-house is situated.

#### **40 Medical examination of inmates of common lodging-house**

If the proper officer of a local authority has reasonable grounds for believing that there is in a common lodging-house a person who is suffering, or has recently suffered, from a notifiable disease, he may make complaint thereof upon oath to a justice of the peace, and thereupon the justice may by warrant authorise him to enter the lodging-house and examine any person found in it with a view to ascertaining whether he is suffering, or has recently suffered, from a notifiable disease.

**41 Removal to hospital of inmate of common lodging-house with notifiable disease**

(1) If a local authority are satisfied—

- (a) that a person lodging in a common lodging-house is suffering from a notifiable disease, and
- (b) that serious risk of infection is thereby caused to other persons, and
- (c) that accommodation for him is available in a suitable hospital vested in the Secretary of State,

they may, with the consent of the Area or District Health Authority responsible for the administration of the hospital, order him to be removed to the hospital.

(2) The officer of the local authority to whom an order under this section is addressed and any officer of the hospital in question may do all acts necessary for giving effect to the order.

**42 Closure of common lodging-house on account of notifiable disease**

(1) If, on the application of a local authority, a magistrates' court is satisfied that it is necessary in the interests of the public health that a common lodging-house should be closed on account of the existence, or recent occurrence, in it of a case of notifiable disease, the court may make an order directing the lodging-house to be closed until it is certified by the proper officer of the local authority for the district to be free from infection.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with an order under subsection (1) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale, and to a further fine not exceeding £2 for each day on which the offence continues after conviction.