

# **PUBLIC HEALTH ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 5**

#### **Public Health Functions of Local Authorities**

#### **Existing functions**

#### ***Section 86 Application of this Part where other functions being exercised***

174. This section applies where a local authority or any other person has functions under any other enactment in relation to premises or things which are infected, infested or contaminated. This is referred to as an “existing function”.
175. Subsection (3) provides that a local authority may not exercise a function conferred on it by virtue of this Part if the authority or any other person is exercising an existing function or the authority is aware that another person is likely imminently to exercise an existing function in relation to the infected, infested or contaminated premises or things. Section 72 (which is the duty for a local authority to provide facilities for disinfecting etc.) continues to apply despite section 86.