



# Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

## 1970 CHAPTER 42

### **15 Citation, interpretation, commencement and extent**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.
- (2) In this Act " functions " includes powers and duties and " social services functions " has the meaning given by section 3(3) of this Act.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to an enactment shall be construed as including a reference to that enactment as amended, applied or extended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.
- (4) This Act shall come into force on a day appointed by the Secretary of State by order; and different days may be so appointed for different provisions of this Act.
- (5) If it appears to the Secretary of State desirable in the interest of the efficient discharge of the functions of a particular local authority to postpone the coming into force of any provision of this Act in the area of that authority, the Secretary of State may by an order under subsection (4) above relating to that provision either appoint a different day later in date for the coming into force of that provision in the area of that authority or except that area from the operation of the order and make a subsequent order under that subsection appointing a day for the coming into force of that provision in that area.
- (6) This Act, except section 11, shall not extend to Scotland.
- (7) This Act, except section 11 and this subsection, shall not extend to Northern Ireland; the amendments of the Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962 made by section 11 shall be treated for the purposes of section 6 of the Government of Ireland Act 1920 (which restricts the power of the Parliament of Northern Ireland to alter Acts of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after the day appointed for the purposes of that section) as having been made by an Act passed before that day.