



Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

1970 CHAPTER 44

Premises open to public

5 Provision of public sanitary conveniences.

- (1) Where any local authority undertake the provision of a public sanitary convenience, it shall be the duty of the authority, in doing so, to make [^{F1}provision, in so far as it is in the circumstances both practicable and reasonable][^{F1}appropriate provision], for the needs of disabled persons [^{F2}unless such body as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State is satisfied, after carrying out any procedures which may be so prescribed, that in the circumstances it is either not practicable to make such provision or not reasonable that such provision should be made; and different bodies and different procedures may be prescribed for different classes of buildings or other premises to which this subsection applies][^{F3}unless such body as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State is satisfied, after carrying out any procedures which may be so prescribed, that in the circumstances it is either not practicable to make such provision or not reasonable that such provision should be made.]

[^{F4}(1A) Subsection (1A) of section 4 of this Act shall apply in relation to the interpretation of the last foregoing subsection of this section as the said subsection (1A) applies in relation to the interpretation of subsection (1) of that section.]

- (2) Any local authority which in any public sanitary convenience provided by them make or have made provision for the needs of disabled persons shall take such steps as may be reasonable, by sign-posts or similar notices, to indicate the whereabouts of the convenience.
- (3) In this section “local authority” means a local authority within the meaning of the ^{M1}Local Government Act 1933 or the Local Government (Scotland) Act [^{F5M2}1973] and any joint board or joint committee of which all the constituent authorities are local authorities within the meaning of either of those Acts.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words “appropriate provision” substituted (*prosp.*) (E.W.S.) for words commencing “provision, in so far as” by (S.) [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1981 \(c. 23, SIF 81:2\)](#), [ss. 37\(1\)\(a\)](#), 43(4) and (E.W.) [Disabled Persons Act 1981 \(c. 43, SIF 81:3\)](#), [s. 6\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words added (*prosp.*) (E.W.) by [Disabled Persons Act 1981 \(c. 43, SIF 81:3\)](#), [s. 6\(1\)\(b\)\(6\)](#)
- F3** Words added (*prosp.*) (S.) by [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1981 \(c. 23, SIF 81:2\)](#), [ss. 37\(1\)\(b\)](#), 43(4)
- F4** [S. 5\(1A\)](#) inserted (*prosp.*) (E.W.S.) by (S.) [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1981 \(c. 23, SIF 81:2\)](#), [s. 37\(3\)](#) and (E.W.) [Disabled Persons Act 1981 \(c. 43, SIF 81:3\)](#), [s. 6\(3\)\(6\)](#)
- F5** Word substituted by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\)](#), [s. 141](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1933 c. 51.](#)
- M2** [1973 c. 65.](#)

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- s. 5(1) words added by [1981 c. 23 s. 37\(1\)\(b\)](#)
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