



# Charities Act 1960

## CHAPTER 58

### CHARITIES ACT 1960

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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