



Public Health Act 1936

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PART VIII

BATHS, WASHHOUSES, BATHING PLACES, &C.

Public bathing

231 Byelaws with respect to public bathing.

- (1) A local authority may make byelaws with respect to public bathing, and may by such byelaws—
 - (a) regulate the areas in which, and the hours during which, public bathing shall be permitted;
 - [^{F1}(aa) prohibit or restrict public bathing at times when and places as respects which warning is given, by the display of flags or by other means specified in the byelaws, that bathing is dangerous.]
 - (b) fix the places at which [^{F2}bathing-machines may be stationed, or] bathing huts or tents may be erected;
 - (c) regulate the manner in which [^{F3}bathing-machines,] huts or tents may be used, and the charges which may be made for the use thereof;
 - (d) [^{F4}regulate, so far as decency requires, the costumes to be worn by bathers;]
 - (e) require persons providing accommodation for bathing to provide and maintain life-saving appliances, or other means of protecting bathers from danger; and
 - (f) regulate, for preventing danger to bathers, the navigation of vessels used for pleasure purposes within any area allotted for public bathing during the hours allowed for bathing.
- (2) If and so far as a byelaw made under the preceding subsection is inconsistent with a byelaw made by dock undertakers, the latter shall prevail.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Health Act 1936, Cross Heading: Public bathing. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 231(1)(aa) inserted by [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976 \(c. 57\), s. 17\(4\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 231(1)(b) repealed (E.) (27.1.2010) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\), ss. 135, 245\(5\), Sch. 6 para. 2\(a\), Sch. 18 Pt. 7; S.I. 2010/112, art. 2\(g\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 231(1)(c) repealed (E.) (27.1.2010) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\), ss. 135, 245\(5\), Sch. 6 para. 2\(b\), Sch. 18 Pt. 7; S.I. 2010/112, art. 2\(g\)](#)
- F4** S. 231(1)(d) repealed (E.) (27.1.2010) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\), ss. 135, 245\(5\), Sch. 6 para. 2\(c\), Sch. 18 Pt. 7; S.I. 2010/112, art. 2\(g\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 231 extended by [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976 \(c. 57\), s. 17](#)
- C2** Functions of confirming byelaws or regulations made by a local authority under s. 231 now exercisable by Secretary of State: S.R. & O. 1946/1757 (Rev. XV, p112: 1946 I, p. 1012), art. 3 Sch.

232 Provision of bathing huts, &c.

A local authority may provide huts or other conveniences for bathing on any land belonging to them or under their control, and may make charges for the use thereof.

233 Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools not under the management of a local authority.

- (1) A local authority may make byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools, whether open or covered, which are not under their management for—
- (a) securing the purity of the water therein;
 - (b) ensuring the adequacy and cleanliness of the accommodation thereat;
 - (c) regulating the conduct of persons resorting thereto; and
 - (d) the prevention of accidents:

Provided that this section shall not apply to any swimming bath or bathing pool which is not open to the public and for, or in connection with, the use of which no charge is made.

- (2) Byelaws made under this section may require the person responsible for any swimming bath or bathing pool to which the byelaws apply to keep a printed copy of the byelaws exhibited in a conspicuous place on the premises.

Changes to legislation:

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