



# Public Health Act 1875

1875 CHAPTER 55 38 and 39 Vict

## PART I

### *Preliminary*

**1 Short title.**

This Act may be cited as “The Public Health Act 1875.

**2 Extent of Act.**

This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland, . . . <sup>F1</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

<sup>F1</sup> Words repealed by [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\)](#), [Sch. 18 Pt. II](#)

**3** . . . . . <sup>F2</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

<sup>F2</sup> [S. 3](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

<sup>F3</sup>**4 Definitions.**

In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, the following words and expressions have the meanings herein-after respectively assigned to them; that is to say,

. . . . . <sup>F4</sup>

“Person includes any body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate:

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“Lands and “Premises include messuages buildings lands easements and hereditaments of any tenure:

“Owner means the person for the time being receiving the rackrent of the lands or premises in connexion with which the word is used, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee for any other person, or who would so receive the same if such lands or premises were let at a rackrent:

“Rackrent means rent which is not less than two-thirds of the full net annual value of the property out of which the rent arises; and the full net annual value shall be taken to be the rent at which the property might reasonably be expected to let from year to year, free from all usual tenant’s rates and taxes,<sup>F6</sup> . . . , and deducting therefrom the probable average annual cost of the repairs, insurance, and other expenses (if any) necessary to maintain the same in a state to command such rent:

“Street includes any highway . . .<sup>F7</sup> and any public bridge . . .<sup>F8</sup>, and any road lane footway square court alley or passage whether a thoroughfare or not:

“House includes schools, also factories and other buildings in which . . .<sup>F9</sup> persons are employed . . .<sup>F9</sup>.

“Drain means any drain of and used for the drainage of one building only, or premises within the same curtilage, and made merely for the purpose of communicating therefrom with a cesspool or other like receptacle for drainage, or with a sewer into which the drainage of two or more buildings or premises occupied by different persons is conveyed:

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#### Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 4 repealed by [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 346, **Sch. 3 Pt. I** except so far as material for the purposes of any unrepealed enactment in this Act or any Act directed to be construed therewith
- F4** Definitions repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. IV**
- F5** Definition repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), **Sch. 30**
- F6** Words in s. 4 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIV** Group3.
- F7** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1898 \(c. 22\)](#)
- F8** Words repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. IV**
- F9** Words repealed by [Factory and Workshop Act 1878 \(c. 16\)](#), **Sch. 6**
- F10** Definitions repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. IV**

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