



# Public Health Act 1875

1875 CHAPTER 55 38 and 39 Vict

## PART III

### WATER SUPPLY

#### *Provisions for Protection of Water*

**68 Penalty for causing water to be corrupted by gas washings.**

Any person engaged in the manufacture of gas who—

- (1) Causes or suffers to be brought or to flow into any stream reservoir aqueduct pond or place for water, or into any drain or pipe communicating therewith, any washing or other substance produced in making or supplying gas; or
- (2) Wilfully does any act connected with the making or supplying of gas whereby the water in any such stream reservoir aqueduct pond or place for water is fouled, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of two hundred pounds, and, after the expiration of twenty-four hours notice from the local authority or the person to whom the water belongs in that behalf, a further sum of twenty pounds for every day during which the offence is continued or during the continuance of the act whereby the water is fouled.

Every such penalty may be recovered, with full costs of suit, in any of the superior courts, in the case of water belonging to or under the control of the local authority by the local authority, and in any other case by the person into whose water such washing or other substance is conveyed or flows or whose water is fouled by any such act as aforesaid, or in default of proceedings by such person, after notice to him from the local authority of their intention to proceed for such penalty, by the local authority; but such penalty shall not be recoverable unless it be sued for during the continuance of the offence, or within six months after it has ceased.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Health Act 1875, Cross Heading: Provisions for Protection of Water. (See end of Document for details)*

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 68 modified by [Rivers \(Prevention of Pollution\) Act 1961 \(c. 50\)](#), **ss. 2(2)**, 4(1) and [Control of Pollution Act 1974 \(c. 40\)](#), **s. 54**
- C2** S. 68 amended by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\)](#), **s. 113(4)** (with [ss. 58\(7\)](#), [101\(1\)](#), [141\(6\)](#), [160\(1\)\(2\)](#) (4), [163](#), [189\(4\)–\(10\)](#), [190](#), [193\(1\)](#), [Sch. 26 paras. 3\(1\)\(2\)](#), [17](#), [40\(4\)](#), [57\(6\)](#), [58](#))
- C3** S. 68 amended (1.12.1991) by [Water Consolidation \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 60, SIF 130\)](#), [ss. 2\(1\)](#), [4\(2\)](#), **Sch. 1 para.1**

**69** ..... **F1**

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 69 repealed, except as respects proceedings instituted before 1.10.1951, by [Rivers \(Prevention of Pollution\) Act 1951 \(c. 64\)](#), **Sch. 3**

**70—** ..... **F2**  
**115.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F2** [Ss. 70–115](#) repealed by [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 346, **Sch. 3 Pt. I**

**116—** ..... **F3**  
**119.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F3** [Ss. 116–119](#) repealed by [Food and Drugs Act 1938 \(c. 56\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

**120—** ..... **F4**  
**143.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** [Ss. 120–143](#) repealed by [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 346, **Sch. 3 Pt. I**

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