



Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884

1884 CHAPTER 72 47 and 48 Vict

An Act for preventing the erection of Buildings on Disused Burial
Grounds. [14th August 1884]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act excluded by [Southwark Cathedral Measure 1937 \(No. 3\), s. 4\(2\)](#)
- C2 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1898 \(c. 22\)](#)

Commencement Information

- II Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884.

[^{F1}2 Interpretation.

In this Act—

“building” includes any temporary or movable building;

“burial ground” includes any churchyard, cemetery or other ground, whether consecrated or not, which has been at any time set apart for the purpose of interment;

“disused burial ground” means any burial ground which is no longer used for interments, whether or not the ground has been partially or wholly closed for burials under the provisions of a statute or Order in Council.]

Textual Amendments

- F1 [S. 2](#) substituted (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. II para.17](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 05/11/1993.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884. (See end of Document for details)

3 No buildings to be erected upon disused burial grounds except for enlargement, &c.

It shall not be lawful to erect any buildings upon any disused burial ground, except for the purpose of enlarging a church, chapel, meeting house, or other places of worship.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 3 excluded by Pastoral Measure 1968 (No. 1), **ss. 30(2)**, 51(6) and Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1968 (c. xxxix), **s. 29(1)**
- C4** S. 3 excluded by Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Act 1981 (c. 18, SIF 17:1), **ss. 1(1)**, 2(1), **Sch.**
- C5** S. 3 excluded by Pastoral Measure 1983 (No. 1, SIF 21:4), **ss. 30(4)**, 51(11)

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Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 4 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt.VI**

5 Savings of burial grounds sold by Act of Parliament.

Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any burial ground which has been sold or disposed of under the authority of any Act of Parliament.

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