



# Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 65

### PART XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS, GENERAL AND TRANSITIONAL

##### *General*

#### **225 Local Acts and instruments**

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (8) below, any local statutory provision to which this section applies and which is not continued in force by any other provision of this Act shall—
- (a) notwithstanding the changes of administrative areas and local authorities effected by or under this Act and, in the case of an instrument made under any enactment, notwithstanding the repeal of that enactment, continue to apply on and after 16th May 1975 to, but only to, the area, things or persons to which or to whom it applies before that date;
  - (b) have effect subject to any necessary modifications and to the modifications made by subsection (3) below;
- but the continuation by this subsection of an instrument made under any enactment shall not be construed as prejudicing any power to vary or revoke the instrument which is exercisable apart from this subsection.
- (2) Subsection (1) above shall have effect subject to the provisions of—
- (a) this Act, other than Part I of Schedule 27 ;
  - (b) any Act passed after this Act and before 16th May 1975; and
  - (c) any order made under section 215 of this Act or the following provisions of this section.
- (3) Any local statutory provision to which this section applies and which relates to functions exercisable by a local authority of any description by virtue of any public general enactment shall have effect as if for any reference to the authority by whom the functions are exercised immediately before 16th May 1975 there were substituted

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a reference to the authority by whom those functions are exercisable on and after that date.

- (4) Subsection (3) above shall not come into force until 16th May 1975 and shall have effect subject to any provision to the contrary made by, or by any instrument made under, this Act and, without prejudice to the foregoing, the Secretary of State may by order provide for the exercise of functions conferred by any local statutory provision to which this section applies and exclude the operation of that subsection where it would otherwise conflict with any provision of the order.
- (5) Where any local statutory provision is continued in force in any area by subsection (1) above or is amended or modified in its application to any area by an order under section 215 of this Act, the Secretary of State or any appropriate Minister may by that order, or in the case of a provision continued as aforesaid, by an order under this subsection—
- (a) extend the provision throughout the new local government area in which it is continued in force;
  - (b) provide that that provision as so continued, amended, modified or extended shall have effect in that area to the exclusion of any enactment for corresponding purposes, including any enactment contained in or applied by this Act;
  - (c) make such modifications of any such enactment in its application to that area as will secure that the enactment will operate harmoniously with the said provision in that area;
  - (d) repeal or revoke any local statutory provision to which this section applies and which appears to the Secretary of State or that Minister to have become spent, obsolete or unnecessary or to have been substantially superseded by any enactment or instrument which applies or may be applied to the area, persons or things to which or to whom that provision applies;
  - (e) transfer to any authority appearing to the Secretary of State or that Minister to be appropriate any functions of an existing local authority under a local statutory provision to which this section applies which are not to become functions of some other authority under any provisions of this Act except section 215 of this Act and this section, or under any other instrument made under this Act, being functions exercisable by any existing local authority abolished by this Act;
  - (f) without prejudice to paragraph (e) above, make such modifications of any local statutory provision to which this section applies in its application to any new local government area as appear to the Secretary of State or that Minister to be expedient.
- (6) All local statutory provisions to which this subsection applies shall cease to have effect at the end of 1979, but—
- (a) the Secretary of State or any appropriate Minister may by order exempt any such provision from the foregoing provision of this subsection ;
  - (b) the Secretary of State may from time to time by order postpone the date on which all local statutory provisions applying to the whole or part of any local government area, so far as they so apply, are to cease to have effect under this subsection.
- (7) An instrument containing an order under subsection (5) or (6) above shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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- (8) Any local statutory provision relating to valuation or the determination, levying, collection or recovery of rates shall cease to have effect:

Provided that this subsection shall not affect the operation of section 19(2) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1949 (domestic water rate payable at reduced rate in certain cases).

- (9) This section applies to any local statutory provision in force immediately before 16th May 1975 and not expressly repealed or revoked by this Act, and subsection (6) above applies to the following statutory provisions—

- (a) a provision of a local Act, the Bill for which was promoted by a local authority ;
- (b) a provision of an Act confirming a provisional order made on the application of a local authority;
- (c) a provision of an order made on such an application which was subject to special parliamentary procedure;

not being a provision relating to a statutory undertaking or a protective provision for the benefit of any person.

- (10) In subsection (9) above " local authority " means—

- (a) a council of a county, county of city, burgh or district;
- (b) any body which immediately after the coming into force of the enactment which constituted the body exercised functions which immediately before 16th May 1975, were exercised by one of the councils referred to in paragraph (a) above ;

and " statutory undertaking " means any railway, light railway, tramway, road transport, water transport, canal, inland navigation, ferry, dock, harbour, pier or lighthouse undertaking, any market undertaking or any undertaking for the supply of electricity, gas, hydraulic power, water or district heating.