



# Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897

## CHAPTER 38

### PUBLIC HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACT 1897

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- 27 Articles removed to be sold.
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- 30 Penalty for injuring closet, &c. so as to cause nuisance.
- 31 Waterclosets, &c. used in common.

*Offensive Trades*

- 32 Prohibition or regulation of certain offensive businesses, and byelaws as to offensive businesses.
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- 35 Local authorities may make byelaws as to pigstyes.
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- 41 Provision for obtaining order for cleansing offensive ditches lying near to or forming boundaries of districts.
- 42 Periodical removal of manure from mews and other premises.
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- 44 Notification of infectious disease.

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- 46 Provision of means for disinfecting bedding, &c.
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- 48 Disinfection of bedding, &c.
- 49 Persons engaged in washing or mangling clothes to furnish list of owners of clothes in certain cases.
- 50 Infectious matter thrown into ash-pits, &c. to be disinfected.

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- 51 Penalty on letting houses in which infected persons have been lodging.
- 52 Penalty on persons letting houses making false statements as to infectious disease.
- 53 Penalty on ceasing to occupy house without disinfection or notice to owner, or on making false answer.
- 54 Removal to hospital of infected persons without proper lodging.
- 55 Detention of infected persons without proper lodging in hospital.
- 56 Penalty on exposure of infected persons and things.
- 57 Penalty on sending child to school, so as to spread infection.
- 58 Prohibitions on infected person carrying on business
- 59 Prohibition on conveyance, &c. of infected person in public conveyance.
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- 62 Prohibition of retention of dead body in certain cases.
- 63 Body of person dying of infectious disease in hospital, &c. to be removed only for burial.
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- 69 Power of sheriff, &c. in certain cases to order removal of dead body to mortuary.
- 70 Power of local authority to provide places for post-mortem examinations.
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- 90 No lodger to be received in common lodging-house till it has been inspected and registered.
- 91 Evidence of register.
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- 94 Power to local authority to require additional supply of water.
- 95 Power to local authority to order reports from keepers.
- 96 Local authority may remove sick persons to hospitals, &c.
- 97 As to giving notice of fever, &c. occurring.
- 98 Inspection.
- 99 Cleansing.
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