



Civil Defence Act 1939

CHAPTER 31

CIVIL DEFENCE ACT 1939

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- 14 Duty of occupiers of factory premises and owners of mines and commercial buildings to make reports.
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- 16 Power of factory inspector, mines inspector or local authority to require provision of air-raid shelter.
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- 18 Provisions as to factory premises occupied under short leases.
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- 20 Contributions in respect of works commenced before the passing of this Act.
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- 32 Execution of works by owner of dwelling-house.
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- 40 Provisions as to railway undertakings.
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- 66 Extension of borrowing powers of trustees, and c.
- 67 Property in equipment, appliances and material provided by the Crown or local authorities.
- 68 Penalty for unauthorised use of uniforms, medals and badges.
- 69 Provision of air-raid shelter not to increase valuation for rating.
- 70 Enlargement of scope of town planning schemes.
- 71 Compensation in the event of injury to persons engaged in air-raid precautions activities.
- 72 Directions to local authorities to discharge functions with respect to air-raid precautions.
- 73 Power to transfer functions of defaulting authority.

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- 80 Service of documents.
- 81 Exemption of certain works from building byelaws, and c.
- 82 Covenants to repair and reinstate not to apply to works executed under this Act.
- 83 Financial provisions.
- 84 Special provisions as to London.
- 85 Consultation with joint committees under Act of 1937.
- 86 Exercise of powers of Board of Trade.
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PART I — FINANCING OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURE OF CENTRAL ELECTRICITY BOARD AND DISTRIBUTION OF BURDEN THEREOF AMONG ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKERS.

- 1 There shall be established a fund under the control of...
- 2 There shall be paid into the fund—
- 3 (1) For the purpose of defraying any expenses in respect...
- 4 There shall be paid out of the fund—
- 5 (1) The Electricity Commissioners shall pay to the Board—
- 6 (1) The Central Electricity Board shall, as soon as may...

PART II — DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY CENTRAL ELECTRICITY BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF THE PRINCIPAL SECTION.

- 1 Any plant, equipment or other property acquired by the Central...
- 2 (1) Where it appears to the Minister that all the...

PART III — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 1 Where it is material to ascertain— (a) for the purposes...
- 2 No account shall be taken of the transactions of the...

SECOND — Modifications of Lands Clauses Acts.

SCHEDULE

- 1 The following sections of the Lands Clauses (Consolidation) Act, 1845,...
- 2 In the construction of this Act and the Lands Clauses...
- 3 At any time after notice to treat has been served,...
- 4 Section ninety-two of the Lands Clauses (Consolidation) Act, 1845, shall...
- 5 Where any land compulsorily acquired is land belonging to an...