



Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897

1897 CHAPTER 38

PART III

GENERAL PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF DISEASE.

Infectious Diseases.—Prevention.

55 Detention of infected persons without proper lodging in hospital.

- (1) A sheriff, magistrate, or justice, on being satisfied on the application of the local authority that a person suffering from any infectious disease is in a hospital, and would not on leaving the hospital be provided with lodging or accommodation in which proper precautions could be taken to prevent the spreading of the disease by such person, may direct such person to be detained in the hospital at the cost of the local authority during the time limited by the sheriff, magistrate, or justice, who may enlarge the time as often as appears to him necessary for preventing the spread of the disease.
- (2) The direction may be earned into execution by any officer of any local authority, or by any police constable, or any officer of the hospital.