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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2818**

**FIRE SERVICES**

**The Combined Fire Authorities (Protection from Personal Liability) (Wales) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - - *25th November 1997*  
*Laid before Parliament* *3rd December 1997*  
*Coming into force* - - - *27th December 1997*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 54 and 63 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994<sup>(1)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Combined Fire Authorities (Protection from Personal Liability) (Wales) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 27th December 1997.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order “the 1947 Act” means the Fire Services Act 1947<sup>(2)</sup> and “combination scheme” means a combination scheme made under that Act.

**Protection from personal liability**

3.—(1) This article applies in relation to a combined fire authority which has been constituted by a combination scheme which comprises only new principal areas and which, in accordance with section 23 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, was made before 1st April 1996.

(2) A combined fire authority in relation to which this article applies shall, for the purposes of section 265 of the Public Health Act 1875<sup>(3)</sup> and section 39 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976<sup>(4)</sup> (protection of members and officers etc. from personal liability) be treated as if it were a local authority.

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(1) 1994 c. 19.  
(2) 1947 c. 41.  
(3) 1875 c. 55.  
(4) 1976 c. 57.

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Home Office  
25th November 1997

*George Howarth*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the protection from personal liability of members and officers of combined fire authorities created before 1st April 1996 by virtue of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994.