

**THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR
GAZETTE**
No. 3,596 of 3rd May, 2007

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BILL

FOR

AN ACT to amend the Public Health Act.

ENACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

Title and commencement.

1.(1) This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Amendment) Act 2007.

(2) This Act comes into operation as follows—

- (a) Section 2(1) comes into operation on the day of publication;
- (b) section 2(2), (3) and (5) are deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 2006;
- (c) section 2(4) shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 2007.

Amendments of the Public Health Act.

2.(1) Section 19(1)(b) of the Public Health Act is amended by inserting—

- (a) after the word “drain”, the word “, manhole,”; and
- (b) after the words “is insufficient or” the words “is broken or appears to be a danger to the public, or”.

(2) Section 272 is amended by inserting after sub-section (4) the following sub-section—

“(5) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Part, no rate shall be payable by an individual who is an occupier of premises used exclusively for parking a motor vehicle where that individual has a freehold or leasehold interest in those premises.”.

(3) Section 277A is amended by substituting–

- (a) for “non-domestic”, “any”;
- (b) after “1st day of July 1997” insert “in respect of non-domestic hereditaments and 1 July 2006 in respect of domestic hereditaments”.

(4) Schedule 3 is amended by substituting for the definition of “special poundage” the following definition–

“special poundage” means–

- (a) in respect of paragraph (3)(a) and (b), 46 pence in the pound;
- (b) in respect of paragraph (3)(c) and (d), 55 pence in the pound;

on the full net annual value of the hereditament;”.

(5) Section 117 is amended by inserting after sub-section (6) the following sub-section–

“(7) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Part, no salt water rate shall be payable by an individual who is an occupier of premises used exclusively for parking a motor vehicle where that individual has a freehold or leasehold interest in those premises.”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Public Health Act to implement the Government's 2006 budget commitments.

Specifically, the Bill abolishes rates on garages, extends a 10% discount to early domestic rate payers and introduces a new lower rate for retail and wholesale commercial premises.

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