CHAPTER 36

An Act to enable local authorities to defray certain expenses in connection with official and courtesy visits; and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid.

[28th March, 1956]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Payment of expenses of official and courtesy visits &c.

1.—(1) In England and Wales, the council of any county, county borough, metropolitan borough or county district may—

(*a*) defray any travelling or other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of any members or officers of the council in making official and courtesy visits, whether inside or outside the United Kingdom, on behalf of the council;

(*b*) defray any expenses incurred in the reception and entertainment by way of official courtesy of distinguished persons visiting the county, county borough, metropolitan borough or county district and persons representative of or connected with local government or other public services whether inside or outside the United Kingdom and in the supply of information to any such persons:

Provided that, in the case of a visit within the United Kingdom, the amount defrayed under this section by a council in respect of the expenses of any member of the council shall not exceed the payments which he would have been entitled to receive by way of travelling allowance or subsistence allowance under section

11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 26.

one hundred and thirteen of the Local Government Act, 1948, if the making of the visit had been an approved duty of that member within the meaning of that section.

(2) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament any increase attributable to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.

2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 13.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities (Expenses) Act, 1956.

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