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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRINTERS AND
PUBLISHERS ORDINANCE.

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Printers and Publishers (Amendment) Act, No. 28 of 1951.

Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Printers and Publishers Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment") is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment of
section 2 of
Chapter 137.

(1) by the substitution for the initial word 'Three' of the word 'Four';

(2) by the substitution, for all the words from "at such place" to "direct.", of the words "at the office of the Registrar."; and

(3) in the marginal note to that section, by the substitution for the initial word 'Three' of the word 'Four', and by the substitution, for the words "to Government", of the words "at the office of the Registrar".

3. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for the words "Such officer", of the words "The Registrar".

Amendment of
section 3 of
the principal
enactment.

4. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor :—

Substitution of
new section for
section 4 of the
principal
enactment.

" Disposal of
copies.

4. The Registrar shall transmit one of the copies of every book received by him under section 2 to the Trustees of the British Museum in the United Kingdom, one to the University of Ceylon and another to the Director of Museums in Ceylon. "

5. Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment of
section 5 of
the principal
enactment.

(1) by the substitution, in the first paragraph thereof, for all the words from "at such office" to "in this behalf.", of the words "at the office of the Registrar"; and

(2) by the omission, from the last paragraph thereof, of the words "made and".

Amendment
of section 6
of the principal
enactment.

6. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for all the words from "shall be sent" to the end of that section, of the words "shall be sent to the Trustees of the British Museum in the United Kingdom."

Substitution of
new section for
section 7 of
the principal
enactment.

7. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor:—

"Monthly
declarations
by printers.

7. Every printer shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, deliver or cause to be delivered at the office of the Registrar a written declaration by him stating whether any books were printed by him during the immediately preceding month and, if any books were so printed, the name and address of every author and publisher of each such book."

Substitution of
new section for
section 8 of
the principal
enactment.

8. Section 8 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section is substituted therefor:—

"Offences.

8. (1) Where a printer fails to comply with such of the provisions of section 2 of this Ordinance as are applicable to him or with the provisions of section 7 of this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

(2) Where a publisher or other person employing a printer fails to comply with such of the provisions of section 2 of this Ordinance as are applicable to him, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees."

Insertion of new
section 8A in the
principal
enactment.

9. The following new section is hereby inserted in the principal enactment immediately after section 8, and shall have effect as section 8A, of that enactment:—

"Declarations
and offences
by incor-
porated
companies
and other
corporations.

8A. (1) Where the person who is required to make a declaration under this Ordinance is an incorporated company or any other corporation, an officer of that company or other corporation shall make and sign that declaration on behalf of that company or other corporation.

(2) Where an offence under this Ordinance is committed by an incorporated company or any other corporation, every person who at the time of the commission of that offence was a director, manager or secretary of that company or was an officer of that other corporation, or was purporting to act in any such capacity, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence unless he proves that that offence was committed without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all such diligence to prevent the commission of that offence as he ought to have exercised having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances."

10. Section 12 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment of
section 12 of
the principal
enactment.

(1) by the substitution, for the full stop occurring at the end of the definition of "book", of a semi-colon; and

(2) by the addition, immediately after the definition of "book", of the following definition:—

“ “Registrar” means the Registrar of Books and Newspapers of the Department of the Government Archivist and includes any Assistant Registrar of Books and Newspapers of that Department.’ ”