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AN ACT TO GIVE EFFECT TO A PROVISION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTION (No. 81)
RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SECRECY BY
LABOUR INSPECTORS.

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BE it enacted by the Queen'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 Labour Inspections (Maintenance of Secrecy) Act, No. 17 of 1953.

Short title.

2. (1) No officer who, in the exercise or performance of his powers, functions or duties under any written law to which this section applies, acquires or obtains knowledge of or information concerning any manufacturing or commercial secret, shall, either while he is holding office or after he has ceased to hold office, disclose or communicate such secret to any other person except with the consent of the person carrying on the business to which such secret relates, or where such person is a company with the consent of the manager or other similar officer of the company.

Maintenance
of secrecy
by officers
having
powers of
inspection.

(2) Sub-section (1) shall apply to any written law by which power is conferred on any officer to enter and inspect any premises, or to call for or obtain information, for the purpose of—

- (a) ascertaining whether the provisions of that law relating to the conditions of work and the protection of workers while engaged in their work are complied with, or
- (b) supplying technical information and advice to employers and workers as regards the most effective means of complying with such provisions, or
- (c) bringing to the notice of the competent authority defects and abuses not specifically covered by such provisions.

(3) Every officer who acts in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.