

[THE SIND RACE-COURSES LICENSING ACT, 1912.]

[6th June, 1912]

An Act to provide for the licensing of race-courses in the [Province of Sind].

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the regulation of horse-racing in the [Province of Sind]; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. [(1) This Act may be called the Sind Race-courses Licensing Act, 1912.] Short title and extent.

(2) This section extends of the whole of the [Province of Sind]. The rest of the Act extends only to such areas² as the [Provincial Government] may by notification in the [Official Gazette] direct.

2. In this Act—

(a) "horse-race" means any race in which any horse, mare or gelding runs or is made to run in competition with nature or kind soever [* * * *] and at which more than twenty persons shall be present;

(b) "race-course" means any ground on which a horse-race can be held.

3. (1) No horse-race shall be held save on a race-course for which a licence for horse-racing granted in accordance with the provisions of this Act is in force. Prohibition against horse-racing on unlicensed race-courses.

(2) The terms of such licence shall be published in the [Official Gazette].

[(3) The licence shall not contain any term or condition allowing betting or wagering].

4. (1) The owner, lessee or occupier of any race-course may apply to the [Provincial Government] for a licence for horse-racing on such race-course. Application for licence for horse-racing.

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see B. G. G., 1912, Pt. VII, p. 131; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid.*, 1912, Pt. VII, p. 132; and for proceedings in Council see *ibid.*, 1912 Pt. VII pp. 221 and 471.

2. The original words "Bombay Presidency" have been successively amended by Sind Ordinance 5 of 1955, s. 3(1)(a), W.P.A.O., 1964, Art. 2, Sch., Pt. IV(P), W. P. Ordinance 12 of 1969, s. 2, and the Sind Adaptation of Laws order, 1975, Art. 2, Sch. Pt II to read as above.

3. The original sub-section (1) has successively been amended by Sind Ordinance 5 of 1955 s. 3(i) W. P. Ordinance 12 of 1969, s. (3 a) and the Sind Adaptation of laws Order, 1975, Art. 2, Sch. Pt. II, to read as above.

4. The original words "Bombay Presidency" have successively been amended by Sind Ordinance 5 of 1955, s. 3(i)(a), W. P. A. O., 1964, Art. 2, Sch., Pt. IV (B), W. P. Ordinance 12 of 1969, s. 3(b) and the Sind Adaptation of laws order, 1975, Art. 2, Sch., Pt. II to read as above.

5. Extended to the limits of the Cantonments of Karachi and Hyderabad, vide G.N., H.D. No. 7642, dated 23rd June, 1925, B. G. 1925 Pt. I P. 1671. The Bombay Race-Course Licensing Act 1912, as applicable to Karachi District has been repealed by W.P. Ordinance 12 of 1969, s. 4.

6. Subs. by A. O., 1937, for "G. in C."

7. Subs. *ibid.* for "B. G. G."

8. Omitted by Sind Ord. XV of 1964, s.2, for the words & cermas, "or for any bet or wager made or to be made in respect of any such horse, mare or gelding or the riders thereof."

9. Added by Sind Ord. XV of 1964, s.3.

Grant of
licence for
horse-racing.

(2) The [Provincial Government] may withhold such licence or grant it subject to such conditions and for such period as [it] may think fit.

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Cancellation of
licence.

(4) The [Provincial Government] may at any time cancel any licence granted under this section in the event of any breach of the conditions subject to which it was granted.

Penalty for
taking part
in horse-
race on
unlicensed
race-course.

5. Whoever takes part in any horse-race on any race-course for which a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 is not in force shall be punishable with fine which may amount to two hundred rupees.

Penalty for
owner, etc.,
allowing
racing in
unlicensed
place.

6. If any horse-race is held on any race-course for which a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 is not in force, any person being the owner, lessee or occupier of such race-course shall be punishable with fine which may amount to one thousand rupees.

Penalty for
contra-
vening
condition
of licence.

(7) (1) If any person to whom a licence has been granted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 contravenes any of the conditions subject to which such licence was granted, such person shall be punishable with fine which may amount to one thousand rupees.

(2) * * * * *

Cognizance
of offences
under this
Act.

8. No Court inferior to that of * * * * * a Magistrate of the First Class shall try an offence under this Act.

Exemption.

9. The [Provincial Government] may from time to time by general or particular order published in the *Official Gazette* exempt any horse-race from the operation of this Act.

1. Subs. by the A. O., 1937, for "G. in C."
2. Subs. *ibid.* for "he".
3. Sub-section (3) of s. 4 as ins. by Sind Act 4 of 1931, s. 9 (a) (f). Now omitted by Sind Ord. XV of 1954, s. 4.
4. Sub-section (3) renumbered as sub-section (4) by Sind Act (4) of 1931, s. 9 (a) (d).
5. S. 7 renumbered as s. 7 (1) *ibid.*, s. 9 (b).
6. Sub-section (2) of s. 7 as ins. by Sind 4 of 1931; Now omitted by Sind Ord. XV of 1954, s. 5.
7. The words "a Presidency Magistrate or of" rep. by the Sind Laws (Adaptation, Revision, Repeal and Declaration) Ordinance, 1955 (Sind 5 of 1955), s. 6, Sub. II.
8. Subs. by the A. O., 1937, for "B. G. G."