

LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

DISASTERS MEASURES ACT

CHAPTER 16:50

**Act
47 of 1978**

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Subsidiary Legislation

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

Note

This Act has effect notwithstanding sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution and has been certified by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Clerk of the Senate to have been enacted in compliance with section 13(2) of the Constitution.

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An Act to provide for the taking of prompt and expeditious measures for the alleviation of the effects of disaster and for matters connected therewith. 47 of 1978.

[13TH DECEMBER 1978]

Commencement.

WHEREAS it is enacted *inter alia* by subsection (1) of section 13 of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies may expressly declare that it shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution and, if any such Act does so declare, it shall have effect accordingly:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (2) of the said section 13 of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies is one the Bill for which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and at the final vote thereon in each House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of that House:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient that this Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution:

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows: Enactment.

obstructs any person duly authorised to carry out the provisions of this Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two years.

8. (1) Within three days of the making of the Proclamation, the President shall deliver to the Speaker for presentation to the House of Representatives a statement setting out the specific grounds on which the decision to declare the existence of a disaster area was based and a debate shall take place on this statement as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than fifteen days from the date of the Proclamation.

Debate on President's statement justifying declaration.

(2) The Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for fifteen days.

9. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Proclamation may before its expiration be extended from time to time by resolution supported by a simple majority vote of the House of Representatives; but no extension shall exceed three months and the extensions shall not in the aggregate exceed six months.

Extension of Proclamation.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Proclamation may be further extended from time to time for not more than three months at any one time by a resolution passed by both Houses of Parliament and supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of each House.
