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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 40 of 1977**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Licensing of Pool-Rooms Act, 1977.

*[Assented to 29th August, 1977]*

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Licensing of Pool- Short title  
Rooms (Amendment) Act, 1977.

Section 4 of  
the Act  
amended  
No. 15 of 1977

2. Section 4 of the Licensing of Pool-Rooms Act, 1977 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") is amended by renumbering the section as section 4(1) and by adding the following new subsection thereto—

"(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment."

Section 13 of  
the Act  
amended

3. Section 13 of the Act is amended by renumbering subsections (2) and (3) as subsections (5) and (6), respectively and by inserting the following new subsections (2) (3) and (4)—

"(2) The Medical Officer of Health of a local authority shall inspect every premises in respect of which an application for a certificate or a certificate of renewal is made for the purpose of making a report to the authority considering the application concerning the sanitary facilities provided and the nature and condition of the premises generally from the point of view of public health.

(3) In considering the application the authority shall take into account the views of the Medical Officer of Health contained in any report made under subsection (2), and may summon the Medical Officer of Health to give any additional testimony concerning premises the subject of the application.

(4) In subsection (2) "local authority" means the Port-of-Spain City Council, the Arima Borough Council and the San Fernando Borough Council and any County Council."

Section 14 of  
the Act  
amended

4. Section 14 of the Act is amended—

(a) by deleting the word "or" occurring at the end of paragraph (a) thereof; and

(b) by renumbering paragraph (b) as paragraph (c) thereof and by inserting the following new paragraph (b)—

“(b) he is satisfied upon a report made under section 13(2) or the additional testimony of the Medical Officer of Health that the premises in respect of which the application is made do not contain adequate sanitary facilities or ought not for any other reason to be used as a pool room in the interest of public health”;

5. Section 21 of the Act is repealed and replaced as follows:—

“Obstruction of officers

21. A person is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months who wilfully—

Section 21 of the Act repealed and replaced

(a) prevents, obstructs or delays—

(i) a Medical Officer of Health or an authorised officer from or in entering or approaching a pool-room; or

(ii) an authorised officer or police officer from or in sealing a pool table; or

(b) uses any means or contrivance in order to prevent, obstruct or delay—

(i) the entry of a Medical Officer of Health or an authorised officer into a pool-room; or

(ii) the sealing of a pool-table by an authorised officer or police officer.”

Passed in the House of Representatives this 8th day of July, 1977.

R. L. GRIFFITH  
*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 12th day of July, 1977.

E. WILLIAMS  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*

THE LAW COMMISSION