

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 4—1927.

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W. E. JACKSON,
Acting Governor.

19th April, 1927.

AN ORDINANCE to prohibit the employment of children
under twelve years of age.

[19th April, 1927.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago
with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council
thereof as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Employment of Short title.
Children Ordinance, 1927.

2. In this Ordinance

Interpretation.

The expressions "employ" and "employment"
include employment in any labour exercised
by way of trade or for the purposes of gain,
whether the gain be to the child or to any other
person ;

The expression "Guardian" includes any person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of the child ;

The expressions "certified Industrial School" and "certified Orphanage" have the meanings assigned to them in the Children Ordinance.

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Prohibition of employment of child under 12 years.

3. A child under the age of twelve shall not be employed.

Penalty for employment.

4. (1) If any person employs a child under the age of twelve he shall be liable to a fine of two pounds, or, in case of a second or subsequent offence, of five pounds.

Neglectful parent.

(2) If any parent or guardian of a child under the age of twelve has conduced to the commission of the alleged offence by wilful default, or by habitually neglecting to exercise due care, he shall be liable to the like fine.

Liability of agent of employer.

5. Where the offence of taking a child under the age of twelve into employment is committed by an agent or workman of the employer, such agent or workman shall be liable to a fine as if he were the employer.

False certificate or representation as to age.

6. Where a child under the age of twelve is taken into employment on the production, by or with the privity of the parent or guardian, of a false or forged certificate, or on the false representation by his parent or guardian that the child is not under the age of twelve, such parent or guardian shall be liable to a fine of five pounds.

Presumption of age.

7. If in a charge for an offence under this Ordinance it is alleged that the child in respect of whom the offence was committed was under the age of twelve at the date of the commission of the alleged offence, he shall for the purposes of this Ordinance be presumed at that date to have been under the age of twelve unless the contrary is proved.

Saving for employment in Industrial Schools, &c.

8. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall apply to the exercise of manual labour by any child under the age of twelve under order of detention in a certified Industrial School or certified Orphanage or by any child under the age of twelve receiving instruction in manual labour in any school.

9. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall apply to employment in an undertaking in which only members of the same family are employed. Saving for family undertakings.

10. Penalties under this Ordinance shall be recoverable before a magistrate in the manner provided by the Summary Conviction Offences (Procedure) Ordinance. Recovery of penalties. Cap. 24.

Passed in Council this eighth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

E. F. AANENSEN,
Acting Clerk of the Council.