

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 45.—1916.

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J. R. CHANCELLOR,

Governor.

28th December, 1916.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the early notification of Births.

[28th December, 1916.]

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

Short Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Notification of Births Ordinance, 1916.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Medical Officer” means a Government or Supernumerary Medical Officer appointed under the Medical Service Ordinance (No. 195.)

“Prescribed” means prescribed by regulation made by the Governor in Executive Council under this Ordinance.

3.—(1.) This Ordinance shall have effect in such areas Application of Ordinance. in the Colony as are specified in proclamations from time to time issued by the Governor in Executive Council.

(2.) Every such proclamation shall be published in the *Royal Gazette* and may be altered amended or revoked by proclamation to be similarly made and published.

(3.) The production of a copy of the *Royal Gazette* containing any such proclamation shall be *prima facie* evidence in all Courts and for all purposes of the due making and tenor or of the due alteration amendment or revocation of such proclamation.

4.—(1.) In the case of every child born in an area in Provisions for the earlier notification of births. which this Ordinance has effect, it shall be the duty of the prescribed person to give notice in writing of the birth to the Medical Officer of the district in which the child is born, in manner provided by this section.

(2.) Notice under this section shall be given by posting a prepaid letter or postcard addressed to the Medical Officer at his office or residence, giving the necessary information of the birth within thirty-six hours after the birth, or by delivering a written notice of the birth at the office or residence of the Medical Officer within the same time; and the prescribed person shall supply without charge addressed and stamped postcards containing the form of notice to any person who applies for the same.

(3.) Any person who fails to give notice of a birth in accordance with this section is liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding £1: Provided that a person shall not be liable to a penalty under this provision if he satisfies the Court that he had reasonable grounds to believe that notice had been duly given by some other person.

(4.) The notification required to be made under this Ordinance shall be in addition to and not in substitution for the requirements of any Ordinance relating to the registration of births; and any Registrar of births and deaths, whose district or any part thereof is situate within any area in which this Ordinance has effect, shall at all

reasonable times have access to notices of births received by a Medical Officer under this Ordinance, or to any book in which those notices may be recorded, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning births which may have occurred in the district of such Registrar.

(5.) This section shall apply in the case of any child which has issued forth from its mother after the expiration of the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy, whether alive or dead.

(6.) Any expenses incurred by a prescribed person in the execution of this Ordinance shall be paid from the Colonial Treasury.

Passed in Council this Fifteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

J. M. FARFAN,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

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