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# Sand and Granite Quarries Act 1970

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An Act for the licensing and control of sand and granite quarries and for matters incidental thereto.

[15 December 1971]

### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Sand and Granite Quarries Act 1970.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act —

“granite quarry” means any land from which granite blocks, gravel, stones and overburden are extracted by blasting, sorting, breaking, loading and transporting, whether the processes are executed by manual labour or mechanical means;

“licence” means a licence granted under section 5;

“licensee” means any person to whom a licence to use or manage any land for the purposes of a sand or granite quarry has been granted under section 5;

“Licensing Officer” means the officer appointed by the Minister under section 3;

“sand quarry” means any land on which persons are employed in manual labour in any process for or incidental to the getting, dressing or preparation for the sale or otherwise of sand, gravel or earth.

### **Appointment of Licensing Officer**

3. The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint an officer to be the Licensing Officer for the purposes of this Act.

### **Prohibition on quarrying without licence**

- 4.—(1) No person shall, on or after 15 December 1971, use or manage any land for the purposes of a sand or granite quarry without a licence from the Licensing Officer authorising him to do so.

(2) Any person who uses or manages any land for the purposes of a sand or granite quarry without a licence shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

(3) In any prosecution for an offence under this section —

- (a) the existence in or on any land of any apparatus or accessories for the getting, dressing or preparation for the sale or otherwise of sand shall be prima facie evidence that the person owning or having the control of such apparatus or accessories has been using or managing the land for the purposes of a sand quarry; and
- (b) the existence in or on any land of any mechanical equipment or other like thing used for the purpose of extracting granite blocks, gravel, stones and overburden by blasting, sorting, breaking, loading and transporting shall be prima facie evidence that the person owning or having the control of that mechanical equipment or other like thing has been using or managing the land for the purposes of a granite quarry.

### **Licences to be discretionary**

5.—(1) The Licensing Officer may at his discretion grant, renew or refuse any licence in pursuance of this Act or any regulations made thereunder.

(2) Licences in pursuance of this Act or any regulations made thereunder may be granted, renewed or refused without any reason for such grant, renewal or refusal being assigned therefor and may be granted or renewed subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Licensing Officer may think fit and shall be subject to suspension or revocation at any time without compensation and without notice by the Licensing Officer upon breach of any restriction or condition subject to which it was granted.

(3) The Licensing Officer may require any applicant for a licence to furnish such information as the Licensing Officer may reasonably