

**Minor Offences Act  
(CHAPTER 184)**

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# **MINOR OFFENCES ACT**

## **(CHAPTER 184)**

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An Act relating to minor offences.

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### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

##### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Minor Offences Act.

##### **Interpretation**

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

“horse” includes mules and asses;

“cattle” includes bulls, cows, bullocks and buffaloes;

“in or near any public road” includes all places in the public road, and all places within 9 metres of it not being effectually separated from and hidden from the road by a wall or otherwise;

“public road” includes every road, street, passage, footway or square over which the public has a right of way.

##### **Verandahs public roads**

3. The open verandahs of houses abutting on the public roads are public roads for foot-passengers subject to all rights of property of the owners of those houses.

##### **Offences how punishable**

4. All offences under this Act shall be tried by a Magistrate’s Court or a District Court.

## PART II

### OFFENCES

#### **General rules for assemblies and processions**

**5.—**(1) The Commissioner of Police may, subject to the approval of the Minister, make general rules for —

- (a) the conduct of all assemblies and processions in public roads, public places or places of public resort, and issuing permits for the same;
- (b) requiring previous notice to be given of the intention to hold such assemblies and processions;
- (c) keeping order and preventing obstruction or inconvenience in the public roads, bridges, landing places, and all public places and places of public resort, whether such public places or places of public resort are on public or private land.

#### **Prohibition of assemblies or processions**

(2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, with the sanction of the Minister, prohibit any assembly or procession in any public road or in any public place or place of public resort.

#### **Publication of rules**

(3) All general rules made under this section shall be published in the *Gazette*.

#### **Penalty for breach of the rules**

(4) Any person who infringes any general rules made under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50.

(5) Any person who holds or is present assisting at any assembly or procession in any public road or in any public place or place of public resort held in defiance of a prohibition by the Deputy Commissioner of Police under subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(6) For the purposes of this section —

“public place” means any building, park, garden, sea beach or other place to which the public for the time being has access;

“place of public resort” means an approved place as defined in the Public