

**Prevention of Crimes Act
(CHAPTER 242)**

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**PREVENTION OF CRIMES ACT
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An Act relating to the prevention of crimes.

[1st January 1940]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Crimes Act.

Persons twice convicted of an offence under Penal Code who offend within 7 years of last conviction

2. Any person convicted of an offence punishable under the Penal Code [Cap. 224], who has been proved to have been previously convicted of such an offence, shall at any time within 7 years immediately after the expiration of the sentence passed on him for the last of such offences be deemed to have committed an offence under this Act, and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year —

Obtaining livelihood by dishonest means

- (a) if on his being charged with getting his livelihood by dishonest means, it appears to the court before whom he is charged that there are reasonable grounds for believing that he is getting his livelihood by dishonest means;

Refusing to give correct name or address to court

- (b) if on being charged with any offence and being required by a court to give his name and address, he refuses to do so, or gives a false name or a false address;

Being found in any place about to commit or to aid in the commission of an offence

- (c) if he is found in any place, whether public or private, in such circumstances as to satisfy the court before whom he is brought that he was about to commit or to aid in the commission of any offence, or was waiting for an opportunity to commit or aid in the commission of any offence; or

Being found on premises without reasonable explanation

- (d) if he is found in or upon any dwelling-house, or any building, yard or premises, being part of or attached to the dwelling-house, or in or upon any shop, warehouse or other place of business, or in any garden, orchard, pleasure ground, or nursery ground or in any building or erection in any