

THE VENEREAL DISEASE ACT

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[15th July, 1937.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Venereal Disease Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act "venereal disease" means syphilis, gonorrhoea or soft chancre.

Interpretation.

3.—(1) A person shall not in a declared district, unless he is a duly Registered Medical Practitioner, treat any person for venereal disease or prescribe any remedy therefor, or give any advice in connection with the treatment thereof, whether the advice is given to the person to be treated or to any other person.

Treatment of venereal disease in declared districts.

(2) The Minister, whether he is satisfied that proper provision has been made in any parish, or any part thereof, for the treatment of persons residing therein for venereal disease, may from time to time by order published in the *Gazette* declare any parish, or part thereof, to be a declared district within the meaning of this section, and thereupon such parish, or part thereof, shall be deemed to be a declared district within the meaning of this section until the order declaring the same to be such a district shall be revoked.

4.—(1) A person shall not by any advertisement or any public notice or announcement treat or offer to treat any person for venereal disease, or prescribe or offer to prescribe any remedy therefor, or offer to give or give any advice in connection with the treatment thereof.

Prohibition of advertisements, etc.

(2) A person shall not hold out or recommend to the public by any notice or advertisement, or by any written or printed

papers or handbills, or by any label, or words written or printed affixed to or delivered with, any packet, box, phial, bottle or other enclosure containing the same, any pills, capsules, powders, lozengers, tinctures, potions, cordials, plasters, electuaries, unguents, salves, ointments, drops, lotions, oils, spirits, medicated herbs and waters, chemical and officinal preparations, surgical or electrical appliances whatsoever, to be used or applied externally or internally as medicines or medicaments or treatment for the prevention, cure, or relief of any venereal disease:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any advertisement, notification, announcement, recommendation or holding out made or published by or with the sanction of the Chief Medical Officer.

Penalties.

5. Any person who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding three months, and on a second or subsequent conviction to a penalty not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months.

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6.—(1) The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions and purposes of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding section 29(b) of the *Interpretation Act*, regulations made under this section may provide in respect of a breach of any of the provisions thereof for the imposition of penalties on summary conviction in a Resident Magistrate's Court of a fine not exceeding one million dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both such fine and imprisonment.

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7. The Minister may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, amend the monetary penalties specified in this Act.