

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ACT**

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**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ACT**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Newspapers and Periodicals Act.

**2. Notification to Accountant-General**

(1) No person shall print and publish a newspaper or periodical devoted in whole or in part to news or politics, without having previously deposited with the Accountant-General a notice in writing specifying the—

- (a) title of the newspaper or periodical;
- (b) exact description of the house or building where the newspaper or periodical is to be printed;
- (c) exact description of the house or building where the newspaper or periodical is to be published; and
- (d) true names and residence of the printer or proprietor of the printing press, the editor and or one of the principal proprietors residing in Mauritius and the extent of his interest.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) shall be signed by every person designated in subsection (1) (d).

(3) Any person who knowingly and fraudulently gives false notice or in giving notice omits any formality specified in subsection (1) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rupees.

[S. 2 amended by Act 40 of 1984; Act 44 of 1990.]

**3. Fresh notice**

(1) A fresh notice shall be given in the manner specified in section 2 where—

- (a) a change has taken place in—
  - (i) the title of the newspaper or periodical;

- (ii) respect of the places and buildings where the newspaper or periodical is printed and published; or
- (iii) the person of the printer or editor or in the person or interest of the proprietor; and

(b) the Accountant-General requires a fresh notice.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rupees.

#### **4. Offences**

Any person who knowingly and fraudulently prints and publishes or causes to be printed and published any newspaper or periodical devoted to news or politics, without having previously given a notice in the manner and circumstances specified in section 2 or 3, shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100 rupees for every day on which the newspaper or periodical has been printed and published, until the notice has been given and all the other conditions required by section 2 or 3 have been fulfilled.

[S. 4 amended by Act 40 of 1984; Act 44 of 1990.]

#### **5. – 5A. —**

#### **6. Imprint to be shown**

(1) The names and residence of the printer and editor of any newspaper or periodical shall be printed on every sheet or number of the newspaper or periodical.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rupees.