

NOISE PREVENTION ACT*

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Noise Prevention Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, "Authority" means a municipal council or district council, as the case may be.

3. Regulations

An Authority may make regulations—

- (a) for preventing unnecessary noise;
- (b) for preventing the sounding of motor horns in any specified area at any specified time;
- (c) for restricting or altogether prohibiting the use, on the licensed premises of any trader, of any gramophone, loudspeaker, or other mechanical or electrical device for producing or reproducing sound, unless the sound produced by the gramophone, loudspeaker or other such device cannot be heard outside those premises;
- (d) for prescribing measures for the prevention of noise or sound which, either on account of its volume or on account of the time at which it is produced, or both, constitutes an unreasonable interference with public comfort.

4. Offence

Any person who contravenes any regulations made under section 3 shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rupees.

* EDITORIAL NOTE: Subsection (10) of section 75 of Act 34 of 1991 makes provision for the repeal of this Act. As at 30 September 2007 this subsection has not been brought into force.

5. Prosecution

A prosecution for a breach of any regulation made under this Act shall be instituted and undertaken—

- (a) by the Police; or
 - (b) by any officer delegated by the Authority.
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