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liquors are sold, or any place of public entertainment or public resort, and knowingly lodges or knowingly harbours thieves or reputed thieves, or prostitutes or knowingly permits or knowingly suffers them to meet or assemble therein, or knowingly permits or allows drunkenness or other disorderly conduct therein or knowingly allows the deposit of property therein having reasonable cause for believing it to be stolen, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

(2) Any licence for the sale of any intoxicating liquor, or for keeping any place of public entertainment or public resort, which has been granted to the occupier or keeper of any such house or place as aforesaid, may in the discretion of the Court be forfeited on the occupier's or keeper's first conviction of an offence under this section; and on his second conviction for such an offence his licence shall be forfeited, and he shall be disqualified for a period of two years from receiving any such licence. Further, where two convictions under this section have taken place within a period of three years in respect of the same premises, whether the persons convicted were or were not the same, the Court shall direct that for a term not exceeding one year from the date of the last of such convictions no such licence as aforesaid shall be granted to any person whatever in respect of such premises; and any licence granted in contravention of this section shall be void.

(Amended by Act 554, s. 18; Schedule; affected by Act 572, Schedule 2)

(3) Every holder of a licence as aforesaid who is brought before a Court in pursuance of this section, shall produce his licence for examination; and, if the licence is forfeited, he shall deliver it up altogether; and, if he wilfully neglects or refuses to produce his licence he shall in addition to any other penalty be liable to a fine not exceeding ¢200,000 [10 penalty units].

Drumming and Firing Guns, etc.

(Amended by Act 554, s.18; Schedule; affected by Act 572, Schedule 2)

Allowing houses, etc., in town to be used for drumming

293. (1) Every occupier of any house, building, yard, or other place situate in any town, who, without a licence in writing from the Minister or a local authority permits any persons to assemble and

beat or play or dance therein to any drum, gong, tom-tom, or other similar instrument of music, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding¢100,000[5 penalty units].

(2) A constable may enter any such house, building, yard, or other place where any persons may be so assembled, and warn them to depart and seize and carry away all such drums, gongs, tomtoms, or other instruments, which shall be forfeited.

(3) Whoever, after being so warned, does not depart forthwith (except the persons actually dwelling in the house or building), may be apprehended, without warrant, by any constable or person acting in his aid, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding $$\pm 50,000$ [2.5 penalty units].

(Amended by Act 554, s.18; Schedule; affected by Act 572, Schedule 2)

Drumming, etc., near Court during sitting

294. Whoever during the sitting of a Court, and after being warned by a constable officer of the Court to desist, beats or plays any drum, gong, tom-tom, or other instrument, or makes any loud noise of any kind within a radius of three hundred yards from the place where such sitting is held, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding $\phi100,000$ [5 penalty units].

(Amended by Act 554, s. 18; Schedule; affected by Act 572, Schedule 2)

Drumming with intent to challenge or insult

295. Whoever beats a drum with intent to challenge or provoke any other person to commit a breach of the peace, or with intent to insult or annoy any other person, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ¢500,000 [25 penalty units].

Nuisances and Obstructions in Streets, and the like.

(Amended by Act 554, s.18; Schedule; affected by Act 572, Schedule 2)

Throwing rubbish in street

296. Whoever does any of the following acts shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ϕ 200,000 [10 penalty units] namely -