



Western Samoa

Analysis

Title	Ordinance
1. Short title	3. Control of entertainments and meetings
2. Amending section 3 of the principal	

1971, No. 15

AN ACT to amend the Police Offences Ordinance 1961.

[21 December 1971]

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:—

1. Short title—This Act may be cited as the Police Offences Amendment Act 1971, and shall be read together with and be deemed to be part of the Police Offences Ordinance 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance).

2. Amending section 3 of the principal Ordinance—Section 3 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by, —

(1) Deleting the words “ten pounds” and substituting the words “up to fifty tālā”.

(2) Deleting from paragraph (s) the words “to the danger of any road, land, harbour work, public works or retaining wall”.

3. Control of entertainments and meetings—Section 12 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) By repealing subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following subsection:

(1) In this section “public entertainment” includes any cinema screening, theatrical or vaudeville performance, concert, dance, musical entertainment (whether live or recorded), sporting fixture or contest, or other recreational entertainment or amusement to which the public are admitted or in which the public may take part, whether or not a charge is made to the public for admission;

- (b) In subsection (2),
- (i) deleting the word "Superintendent" and substituting the word "Commissioner";
 - (ii) deleting the words "of fifty pounds" and substituting the words "not exceeding one hundred tālā or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months".
- (c) In subsection (5) deleting the words "of twenty pounds", and substituting the words "not exceeding fifty tālā",
- (d) In subsection (6),
- (i) deleting the word "Superintendent" and substituting the word "Commissioner";
 - (ii) adding thereto the following words: "and without limiting the conditions which may be imposed by the Commissioner under this subsection, he may specify the times of day at which any public entertainment is to cease, and any such condition may be imposed in respect of any one or more public entertainments in Western Samoa or in any specified locality, area or place in Western Samoa".
- (e) In subsection (7), deleting the words "of fifty pounds", and substituting the words "not exceeding one hundred tālā or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months";
- (f) Adding, at the end after subsection (7), the following two subsections:
- (8) Any commissioned officer of Police present at a public entertainment may stop that public entertainment, or permit it to continue only subject to such conditions as he shall impose, if he is satisfied that such stopping or imposition of conditions is necessary in the interests of peace, order, or public welfare.
 - (9) Every person who takes part in the continued conduct of a public entertainment in breach of any direction given by a commissioned officer of Police under subsection (8) of this section commits an offence and shall be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred tālā or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

BY AUTHORITY: