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CHAPTER 90:02**LABOUR STATISTICS ACT**

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5 of 1948.

AN ACT to provide for the preparation and publication of labour statistics.

Commencement.

[10th January 1949]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the –
LABOUR STATISTICS ACT.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act –

“employer” includes any person or body of persons whether incorporated or not and any managing agent of an employer and the legal representative of a deceased employer employing one or more workers;

“labour officer” means the labour officer and any officer or officers of his department so authorised by him in writing for the purposes of this Act;

“worker” means any person who has entered into or works under a contract of service or apprenticeship with an employer, whether the contract was made before or after the commencement of this Act and whether the contract is expressed or implied, orally or in writing;

Power of labour officer.

3. For the purposes of this Act the labour officer may –
 - (a) at all reasonable times enter upon and inspect any premises or place in which workers are employed and require from the employer of the workers information as to the number, wages, hours and conditions of work of the workers so employed;
 - (b) require from any employer returns giving information as to the number, wages, hours and conditions of work of the workers employed by him on such form or forms as may be prescribed by the Minister;
 - (c) at such times as he may think fit, prepare or cause to be prepared and published statements showing the number of workers employed in any particular industry and the wages, hours of work and conditions of work of the workers,

provided that no such statement shall contain any of the particulars required of an employer under paragraphs (a) and (b), so arranged as to enable any person to identify any particulars so published as being particulars relating to any individual employer.

4. (1) Save as provided in section 3(c), no individual return of particulars of information and no part of an individual return furnished and no answer to any question put shall, without the previous consent in writing of the person making the return or answer, be published, nor, except for the purposes of a prosecution under this Act, shall any person not engaged in connection with the collection or preparation of statistics under this Act be permitted to see any such individual return or any such part of an individual return.

Restriction on publication of individual returns.

(2) No person engaged in connection with the collection or preparation of statistics under this Act shall disclose or, except for the purposes of this Act, make use of the contents of any such individual return or any such part of an individual return or any such answer as aforesaid, and any person knowingly acting in contravention of this subsection is guilty of an offence.

Offence to disclose contents of individual returns.

(3) If any person having possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of the provisions of this section publishes or communicates to any other person any such information, he is guilty of an offence.

Offence to publish information wrongfully disclosed.

(4) Any person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for one month.

Penalty.

5. Any person who –

Offences and penalties.

- (a) hinders, obstructs or molests the labour officer in the exercise of any of the powers conferred upon him by section 3;
- (b) refuses or wilfully neglects to furnish within a reasonable time any information or return required by him under section 3;
- (c) furnishes any information or return required of him under section 3 which he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be false in any material particular,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction in the case of a first offence to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for one month, and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two months.
