

**The State Peace and Development Council
The Law Amending the Suppression of Prostitution
Act, 1949**

(The state Peace and Development Council Law No 7/98)

The 10th Waxing Day of Hnaung Tagu, 1359 ME

(6th April, 1998)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law: -

1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Suppression of Prostitution Act, 1949.

2. Sub-section (a) of section 2 of the Suppression of Prostitution Act, 1949 shall be substituted as follows:-

(a) "Brothel" means any house, building, room, any kind of vehicle/vessel/aircraft or place habitually used for the purpose of prostitution or used with reference to any kind of business for the purpose of prostitution. In the said expression, part of the same is also included.

3. The expression "shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than one year and not more than three years" contained in sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Suppression of prostitution Act, 1949 shall be substituted by the expression "shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than one year and not more than five

years and may also be liable to a fine.”

4. The expression “shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both” contained in section 8 of the Suppression of prostitution Act, 1949 shall be substituted by the expression “shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than one year and not more than five years and may also be liable to a fine.”

The Suppression of Prostitution, Act 1949

Section 5. (1) Any person who knowingly lives, wholly or in part, on the earnings of prostitution shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than one year and not more than three years and may also be liable to a fine.

- (2) Where a person is proved to be living with, or to be habitually in the company of, a prostitute, or is proved to have exercised control, direction or influence over the movements of a prostitute in such a manner as to show that he is aiding, abetting or compelling her prostitution with any other person or generally, it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that he is knowingly living on the earnings of prostitution.

Section 6.

Whoever procures any woman to become a prostitute or who, with intent that she may, for the purpose of prostitution become the inmate of a brothel persuade a woman to leave her usual place of abode shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to a period not less than one year and not more than three years.

Section 8. Any person who -

- (a) keeps or manages or acts or assists in the management of brothel; or

- (b) being the tenant, lessee, occupier or person in charge of any premises, knowingly permits such premises or any parts thereof to be used as a brothel; or
- (c) being the lessor or landlord of any premises, or the agent of such lessor or land, lets the same, or any part thereof, are or is to be used as a brothel, or is willfully a party to the contained used of such premises, or any part thereof, as a brothel; shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both.

- Section 12. (1) Whoever detains a woman, whether a prostitute or not against her will -
- (a) in a house, building, room, vessel, vehicle or place where living is earned by prostitution or in any part there of, or
 - (b) in a house etc, with the intention of using woman in an illicit intercourse with any man other than her lawful husband or for any immoral purpose shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years.
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