

CHAPTER 106- PRINTING PRESSES (REGULATION)

A LAW FOR THE REGULATION OF PRINTING PRESSES AND OF BOOKS AND PAPERS PRINTED IN THE STATE

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1. This Law may be cited as the Printing Presses (Regulation) Law.

2. Definitions:—

"book" includes any volume, part or division of a volume, or any collection of printed sheets of paper or similar material bound together;

"paper" includes any printed sheet of paper or similar material or any unbound collection of printed sheets of paper or similar material;

"printed" as applied to books and papers, means produced by printing, lithography, or any other like process, and "printing" and "printer" have corresponding meanings.

3.—(1) No person shall keep in his possession within the State any press for the printing of books or papers who shall not have made and subscribed within the State the following declaration make before a magistrate:

"I, A.B., declare that I have a press for printing at....."

and this last blank shall be filled up with a true and precise description of the place where such press is situate.

(2) As often as the place where such press is kept is changed a new declaration shall be made.

(3) It shall be the duty of the magistrate upon receiving any declaration made as aforesaid to deal with the same as prescribed by regulations made under the provisions of this Law.

(4) Any person who shall keep in his possession any such press without making such declaration as is prescribed by subsection (1) in respect of such press shall be liable to a fine of one thousand naira or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) For the purposes of this section the occupier of any premises in which any such press is found shall be deemed to have kept the same in his possession, unless he proves the contrary.

(6) Any person who shall, in making any such declaration as aforesaid, make a statement which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false, or does not believe to be true, shall be liable to the punishment prescribed by subsection (4).

4. (1) Every book or paper printed within the State which shall be intended for publication or dispersal shall bear upon the front page, if the same be printed on one side only, or upon the first or last leaf of every book or paper which shall consist of more than one leaf, in legible characters in the English language the name and address of the printer and (if the book or paper be published) of the publisher and the place of publication.

(2) Nothing in this section contained shall be taken to repeal, alter, or in any way affect the provisions of section 9 of the Newspapers Law as regards the particulars required by the said section to be printed on newspapers.

(3) Any person who shall print or publish any book or paper in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of one thousand naira or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

5. The Governor may make regulations—

(a) for excluding any book or paper or any class of books or papers or any printing presses from the operation of the whole or any parts of part of this Law;

(b) for the disposal, recording and registration of declarations made under section 3;

(c) for the notification by owners of printing presses to a prescribed authority for the destruction or transfer of such presses;

(d) generally for carrying any of the purposes or provisions of this Law into effect.