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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRICITY ACT.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity (Amendment) Act, No. 15 of 1984. Short title.

2. Section 65 of the Electricity Act (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for all the words from “shall be guilty” to “not exceeding six months;”, of the following:— Amendment of section 65 of Chapter 205.

“shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate’s Court to a fine not less than five thousand rupees and not exceeding ten thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment and such court is hereby empowered to impose such punishment notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other law;”.

3. Section 66 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for all the words from “shall be guilty” to “such fine and such imprisonment”, of the following:— Amendment of section 66 of the principal enactment.

“shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate’s Court to a fine not less than five thousand rupees and not exceeding ten thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment and such court is hereby empowered to impose such punishment notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other law.”.

4. Section 67 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for all the words from “shall be guilty” to “not exceeding twenty-five rupees”, of the following:— Amendment of section 67 of the principal enactment.

“shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction before a Magistrate’s Court to a fine not less than five thousand rupees, and not exceeding ten thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment and such court is hereby empowered to impose such punishment notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other law.”.

Insertion
of new
sections
67A, 67B
and 67C
of the
principal
enactment.

5. The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 67 and shall have effect as sections 67A, 67B and 67C of the principal enactment :—

'Abetment
of
offences
under
sections
65, 66 or 67
to be an
offence.

67A. Whoever abets the commission of any offence punishable under section 65, section 66 or section 67, shall be guilty of such offence and shall be liable to the punishment provided therefor.

In this section "abet" shall have the same meaning as in section 100 and section 101 of the Penal Code.

Every
offence
under
sections
65, 66, or 67
to be
cognizable
offence
and a
non-bailable
offence.

67B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979, every offence under section 65, section 66 or section 67, shall be—

(a) a cognizable offence ;

(b) a non-bailable offence,

within the meaning, and for the purposes of that Act.

Additional
fine to be
imposed for
every offence
under
sections 65,
66 or 67 and a
certificate
from
licensee to be
proof of loss
or damage
in the absence
of evidence to
the contrary.

67C. (1) Where any person is convicted of any offence under section 65, section 66 or section 67, the Magistrate's Court shall, in addition to any penalty which it is required to impose under this Act, impose on such person a fine in a sum of money being the value of the loss or damage caused to the licensee as a result of the act or default constituting such offence and any sum recovered as such additional fine shall be paid to the licensee on application made to Court by such licensee.

(2) Where two or more persons are convicted of having committed the same offence whether as principal or abettor, the value of such damage or loss may be apportioned among such persons and the amount so apportioned shall be imposed on each of such persons as a fine.

(3) A certificate issued by the licensee shall be received as proof of the value of such loss or damage in the absence of evidence to the contrary.'