



ST. HELENA

## CHAPTER 28

# PROTECTION OF WOMEN ORDINANCE

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Ordinance 4 of 1930 in force 9 May 1930

Amended by Ordinance 7 of 2003

No Subsidiary Legislation has been made under this Ordinance

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**CHAPTER 28****PROTECTION OF WOMEN ORDINANCE**

*(Ordinances 4 of 1930 and 7 of 2003)*

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.

**Commencement**

*[9 May 1930]*

**Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Women Ordinance.

**Procuration of girls**

2.<sup>2</sup> Any person who procures, even with her consent, or attempts to procure any woman or girl under the age of twenty years to have unlawful carnal connection either within or without St. Helena with any other person or persons shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

**Procuration of women**

3.<sup>3</sup> Any person who by fraud or by means of violence, threats, abuse of authority or any other means of compulsion procures, or attempts to procure, any woman over the age of twenty years to have unlawful carnal connection either within or without St. Helena with any other person or persons shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

**Brothels**

- 4.<sup>4</sup> Any person who—
- (a) keeps or manages or acts or assists in the management of a brothel; or
  - (b) being the tenant, lessee or occupier of any premises, knowingly permits such premises or any part thereof to be used as a brothel or for the purposes of habitual prostitution; or
  - (c) being the lessor or landlord of any premises or the agent of such lessor or landlord, lets the same or any part thereof with the knowledge that such premises or any part thereof are or is to be used as a brothel, or is wilfully a party to the continued use of such premises or any part thereof as a brothel,

shall on summary conviction be liable—

- (i) to a fine of £25 or to imprisonment for three months or to both such fine and imprisonment;
- (ii) on a second or subsequent conviction to a penalty not exceeding £50 or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 2 amended by Ord. 7 of 2003

<sup>3</sup> Section 3 amended by Ord. 7 of 2003

<sup>4</sup> Section 4 amended by Ord. 7 of 2003

**Solicitation and living on wages of prostitution**

**5.**<sup>5</sup> Any person who—

- (a) knowingly lives wholly or in part on the wages of the prostitution of any other person; or
- (b) in any public place persistently solicits or importunes for immoral purposes; or
- (c) exercises control, direction or influence over the movements of a prostitute in such a manner as to show that he is aiding, abetting or controlling her prostitution with any other person or generally,

shall on summary conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

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<sup>5</sup> Section 5 amended by Ord. 7 of 2003