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SHOPS REGULATION ACT

Interpretation

1. In this Act—

"shop" includes any premises, store, shed, tent, vehicle, pack, boat or place where any trade or business, whether wholesale or retail, is carried on (but shall not include any factory or depôt where ice is sold, nor any garage or place where only petrol or motor accessories are sold);

"shop assistant" means any person wholly or mainly employed in a shop in connection with the serving of customers or the receipt of orders or the despatch of goods.

Powers of Governor in Council

2. The Governor in Council may by regulation (hereinafter referred to as the "Shop Hours Regulations")—

(a) define and declare the shops to which this Act shall apply;

(b) fix the hours during which such shops may be kept open throughout Anguilla or any part thereof on the several days of the week for transacting business with the public;

(c) authorise the keeping open of any shop after the hours fixed for closing in the case of emergency and in such other circumstances as may be specified or indicated in such regulations;

(d) make any incidental, supplemental or consequential provisions which may appear necessary or proper.

Employment of shop assistants after closing hour prohibited

3. No shop assistant shall be employed in or about any shop except during the time fixed by the Shop Hours Regulations for the time being in force under this Act.

Hours of employment

4. The number of hours during which any shop assistant may be employed in any shop shall not exceed in the aggregate in any week 45 hours exclusive of the time allowed for meals except as is hereinafter provided, but a shop assistant may be employed for stock-taking for a period not exceeding 12 hours in any 1 week in a year, which period of 12 hours shall be in addition to the time during which he may otherwise be lawfully employed.

Seats to be provided for female shop assistants

5. The owner or occupier of any shop to which this Act applies in which female shop assistants are employed shall at all times provide and keep therein a sufficient number of suitable seats or chairs for the use of such female shop assistants and shall permit them to use such seats or chairs when not necessarily engaged in the work or duty for which they are employed.

Power of entry and inspection

6. Any police officer may enter any shop to which this Act applies and make such enquiries as may be necessary to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act have been complied with.

Offence

7. Any person contravening the provisions of this Act or the Shop Hours Regulations is guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty

8. Any person found guilty of an offence against this Act is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of $3,840.

Suspension of operation of sections 3 and 4

9. The provisions of sections 3 and 4 shall in every year be suspended from the 15th to the 24th December both days inclusive, but the provisions of this section shall not operate so as to allow the keeping open of a shop for the sale of goods.

Citation

10. This Act may be cited as the Shops Regulation Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter S25.

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