

PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT, 1953

West Bengal Act XVI of 1953 THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT, 1953. [13th May. '953.] An Act to prohibit smoking in passenger vehicles. WHERE-AS it is expedient in the public interest to prohibit smoking in passenger vehicles; It is hereby enacted as follows:— (1) This Act may be called the Prohibition of Smoking in Passenger Vehicles Act, 1953. (2) It extends to the whole of West Bengal, (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint

2. In this Act "passenger vehicle" means—(i) a tram-car, or (ii) a motor vehicle having seating capacity for more than six persons, excluding the driver, which carries passengers for hire or reward at separate fare paid by or for individual passengers, either for the whole or for a stage of a journey

3. Whoever smokes in a passenger vehicle while such vehicle is carrying passengers shall be punishable with fine which for a first offence may extend to twenty rupees and for a second or subsequent offence to one hundred rupees.

4. (1) The conductor of a passenger vehicle in whose presence a person commits an offence punishable under section 3, may request such person to desist from smoking, and if such person fails to comply with the request he may stop the vehicle and call for a police-officer; and the police-officer may arrest such person without warrant, if, when asked by the police-officer to give his name and address, such person— (i) refuses to give his name and address; or (ii) gives a name or address which the police-officer suspects to be false and such person refuses to accompany the police-officer to a police-station on being required to do so by the police-officer. (2) No suit, prosecution or proceeding shall lie against a conductor of a passenger vehicle or a person for anything done or any arrest made, in good faith under sub-section (1). 5. (1) The proprietor of a passenger vehicle shall cause to be painted or affixed in one or more conspicuous positions in such vehicle a warning that any person smoking while such vehicle is carrying passengers is liable under the law to arrest without warrant and to fine. (2) If the proprietor of a passenger vehicle fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (1), within thirty days of the commencement of this Act, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty rupees.