

WEST BENGAL PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN SHOW HOUSES AND PUBLIC HALLS ACT, 1950

•West Bengal Act LV of 1950 THE WEST BENGAL OF SMOKING IN SHOW HOUSES AND PUBLIC HALLS ACT, 1950. [Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.] [Assent of the Governor was first, published in the Calcutta Gazette, of the 16th November, 1950.] An Act to prohibit smoking in, show houses and public in west Bengal. WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit smoking in show houses and public halls in West Bengal; hereby enacted as follows: (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Prohibition of Smoking in Show and Public Halls Act, 1950. (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, (a) "show house" means any building, or any roofed and enclosed structure, used ordinarily or occasionally for the demonstration or exhibition to the public, whether payment or otherwise, of cinematographic films, dramatic, pantomime, or musical performances, dances, physical feats of human beings or animals, conjuring tricks or sleights of hand, boxing, wrestling, skating, billiards or table-tennis competitions, or other indoor or diversion whatsoever (b) "public chamber or hall used ordinarily or occasionally as a place of public assembly or meeting." g. Whoever smokes, during a demonstration, exhibition or meeting, in any part of a show house or public hall reserved for the audience or the spectators shall be punishable with fine which for a first offence may extend to twenty-five rupees and for a second or subsequent, offence to one hundred rupees

4. Any police officer not below the rank of sub-inspector may arrest without warrant any person committing in his presence an offence under section 3, (1) Every person responsible for the management of a demonstration exhibition in a show house and every person who controls the deliberations of a public assembly or meeting in a public hall, shall bring to the notice of the audience or the spectators, posting notices prominently of exhibiting slides, cinematograph films, or any other person, exhibition or meeting, in any part of such show house or public hall reserved for the audience or spectators shall be liable to arrest without warrant and to fine not exceeding—Indian annas 2: Rupees 3d. 3/21 Short title, extent and commencement. Definitions. Penalty for smoking in show houses and public halls. Power to arrest without warrant. Power to post notices exhibit slides The West Bengal Prohibition of Smoking in Show Public Halls Act, 1950. [West Ben. Act LV of 1950.1 (Section 6.) Power to extend the operation of the Act. (2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees. 6x The State Government or any officer of the State Government authorised in this behalf may, by general or special order in writing, direct that the provisions of this Act shall not apply in respect of any show house or public hall or any demonstration, exhibition or public meeting therein. WBGP-5Q/i.8021A.4,500