



ST HELENA

REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 2017

CRIME AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

PROTECTION OF WOMEN ORDINANCE, 1930¹

Ordinance 4 of 1930

In force 9 May 1930

Amended by Ordinance 7 of 2003

No subsidiary legislation to 1 November 2017

PROTECTION OF WOMEN ORDINANCE, 1930

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the protection of women and girls.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Women Ordinance, 1930.

Procurement of girls

2. (1) A person who procures, or attempts to procure any woman or girl under the age of 20 years to have unlawful carnal connection either within or outside St Helena with any other person or persons commits an offence.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

¹ Under section 10 of the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1999 this text is authoritative and is the sole authentic edition in respect of the law contained in it as at 1 November 2017.

(2) It is not a defence to a charge under subsection (1) that the woman or girl consented.

Procuration of women

3. A 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 of or over the age of 20 years to have unlawful carnal connection either within or outside St Helena with any other person or persons commits an offence.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 months.

Brothels

4. It is an offence for a person—

- (a) to keep or manage or act or assist in the management of a brothel;
- (b) being the tenant, lessee or occupier of any premises, knowingly to permit the premises or any part of them to be used as a brothel or for the purposes of habitual prostitution;
- (c) being the lessor or landlord of any premises or the agent of such lessor or landlord, to let the premises or any part of them with the knowledge that the premises or any part of them are or is to be used as a brothel;
- (d) being a person described in paragraph (c), to wilfully be a party to the continued use of the premises or any part of them as a brothel.

Penalty: (i) a fine of £25 or imprisonment for 3 months or both;

- (ii) on a second or subsequent conviction, a fine of £50 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.

Solicitation and living on wages of prostitution

5. It is an offence for a person —

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

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 months.
