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The Music in Muslim Shrines Act, 1942. Adapted by:- (i) The Indian Independence (Adaptation of Bengal and Punjab Acts) Order, 1948. (ii) Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950. Amended by Punjab Act 25 of 1964. Amended by Haryana Act of Laws State and Concurrent subjects Order, 1968. PREAMBLE An Act to restrict singing and dancing in Muslim Shrines It is hereby enacted as follows:- 1 For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Punjab Government Gazette Punjab, 1941, Part V, page 37, for Select Committee's Report, see *ibid*, 1941, page 56- 57, and *ibid*, 1942, page 13-16; for proceedings in the Punjab Legislative Assembly, see Punjab Legislative Assembly Debates, Volume IX, page 852, Volume XIV, pages 782-89 and Volume XVIII, pages 251-52 and 674-87. 2 Substituted for the words "Punjab" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

**1. Short Title And Extent :-**

(1) This Act may be called the Music in Muslim Shrines Act, 1942.

(2) It extends to the whole of 1[Haryana].

1 See Haryana Government Gazette (Extra), dated 28th October, 1968.

**2. Definitions :-**

For the purposes of this Act the expression "Muslim Shrine" shall mean a shrine of a recognised Muslim saint and shall include the premises of the shrine and the premises owned by and attached to the shrine.

### **3. Punishment For Singing Or Dancing In Muslim Shrines :-**

If any woman or girl sings to the accompaniment of a musical instrument or dances with or without a musical instrument in a Muslim shrine, she shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to be punished with fine not exceeding five hundred rupees or with imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months or with both such fine and imprisonment.

### **4. Punishment For Abetment :-**

If any person abets an offence punishable under the last preceding section, he shall, whether such offence be or be not committed in consequence of such abetment, and notwithstanding anything contained in section 116 of the Indian Penal Code, be liable on conviction to be punished with the punishment, provided for the offence.

### **5. Procedure :-**

An offence punishable under this Act shall be cognizable, bail able, non-compoundable and triable by a 1[Judicial] magistrate of the first class.

1 Inserted by Punjab Act 25 of 1964.