

Punjab Juvenile Smoking Act, 1918

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An Act to prevent juveniles from smoking tobacco. Whereas it is expedient to prevent juveniles from smoking tobacco, and whereas the previous sanction of the Governor-General under section 79(2) of the Government of India Act, 1915, has been obtained to the alteration of the law effected by section 5 of this Act. It is hereby enacted as follows: 1. Received the assent of the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab on the 6th June, 1918 and that of the Governor-General on the 25th June, 1918, and was first published in the Punjab Gazette, dated 12th July, 1918.

1. Short Title And Extent :-

- (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Juvenile Smoking Act, 1918.
- (2) It extends to the whole of [Punjab].

2. Definitions :-

In this Act-

"Tobacco" means tobacco in any form and includes any smoking mixture intended as a substitute for tobacco;

"Public place" means any place to which the public for the time being has access whether on payment or otherwise and includes a railway station and a railway carriage.

3. Penalty For Selling Tobacco To Children :-

Whoever sells or gives or attempts to sell or give to children apparently under the age of sixteen years any tobacco, whether for his own use or not, shall be liable on conviction [-] in the case of a first offence to a fine not exceeding ten rupees and in the case of a second offence to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees and in the case of a third or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

4. Seizure Of Tobacco Being Smoked By Juvenile In A Public Place :-

If any boy apparently under the age of sixteen years be found smoking tobacco in any public place it shall be lawful for any lambardar, zaildar, teacher of a recognised school or affiliated college, member of a municipal committee, member of a District Board, member of a notified area committee, legal practitioner, registered medical practitioner or Magistrate to seize such tobacco and destroy it.

5. Summary Jurisdiction :-

The High Court may confer on any Bench of Judicial Magistrates, invested with the powers of a Judicial Magistrate of the Second Class, powers to try summarily any offence under this Act.