

**CAP. 150**

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**AN ACT to make provision relating to the health and housing of mine labourers and the general sanitation of mining areas.**

**1. Declaration of mining health areas**

(1) The Minister may make, alter, or revoke an order declaring that an area used for mining, or adjacent to a mine, shall be a mining health area which shall be regulated in accordance with Regulations made under section 4.

(2) The Minister may in the order define, for the purposes of this Act, the boundaries of the mining health areas.

(3) The order shall be published in the *Gazette* and on publication shall have the force of law.<sup>2</sup>

**2. Regulations**

(1) The Minister may, by legislative instrument, make Regulations for the following purposes

- (a) for the planning, replanning, laying-out, and relaying-out of towns and villages in a mining health area, and the construction and maintenance of streets and lanes, the construction and structural repair or alteration of houses, markets, drains, latrines, incinerators, wells, and tanks in the area;
- (b) for prescribing, the fees to be paid for an inspection or medical examination or any other things done under this Act;
- (c) for securing the proper housing and feeding of labourers in a mining health area and the observance of the requisite sanitary precautions in the housing, living, and working conditions, both above and underground, of the labourers;

1. This Act was enacted as the Mining Health Areas Ordinance, 1925 (No. 19 of 1925). It came into force on 1st July, 1926. It was Cap. 49 of the 1951 Edition. 2. Amended by section 4 of the Mining Health Areas Amendment and Extension Law, 1935 (No. 20 of 1935). 3. Substituted by section 5 (1) of the Mining Health Areas Amendment and Extension Law, 1935 (No. 20 of 1935).

- (d) for the prevention of and protection against communicable and infectious diseases, and for the removal and disposal of refuse, waste products, night soil, and sewage in a mining health area;
  - (e) for the entry into and inspection of premises in a mining health area;
  - (j) for the medication, attention, and hospital treatment of labourers in a mining health area when sick or injured;
  - (g) for the medical examination of persons engaged for labour on a mine in a mining health area;
  - (h) for the abatement of nuisances including premises or part of the provisions deemed to be in a ruinous or dangerous condition, or in a condition dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates or to the public health;<sup>4</sup>
  - (i) for the prescription for the contravention of a regulation, of a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty penalty units or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour not exceeding one year, or imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one year without the option of a fine, or to both the fine and the imprisonment; and different penalties may be imposed for continuing contraventions or subsequent contraventions of the Regulations;
  - (j) for prescribing the functions of an officer appointed for the purposes of this Act;
  - (k) for the registration of cases of sickness and death, among labourers, for the prescription of forms to be used in connection with the registration, and for furnishing returns of the registrations;
  - (l) for the provision of an adequate supply of whole-some drinking water in a mining health area;
  - (m) for the sanitary control generally of a mining health area;<sup>5</sup>
  - (n) for the further and better implementation of this Act.
- (2) The Regulations may apply to a specific mining area or to all mining areas in general.

### 3. Saving of orders made under section 3 as applied to Ashanti

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4. Added by section 2 of the Mining Health Areas Amendment Ordinance, 1927 (No. II of 1927).

5. Added by section 5 (2) of the Mining Health Areas Amendment and Extension Law, 1935 (No.20 of 1935).

6. The section reads:

"All orders made under section 3, as applied to Ashanti by section 22 of the Administration (Ashanti) Ordinance and in force on the 1st day of July, 1935, shall be deemed to have been made and to be in force under this Ordinance (added by No. 20 of 1935, section 6)".