

The Vehicles Act, 1927

(ACT NO. I OF 1927)

¹♣An Act to provide for the better control of horse-drawn vehicles in certain areas in Bangladesh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the better control of horse-drawn vehicles in certain areas in Bangladesh.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

PART I

PRELIMINARY

**Short title,
extent and
commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Vehicles Act, 1927.

(2) [Omitted by the 1st Schedule of the East Pakistan Repealing and Amending Ordinance, 1962 (Ordinance No. XIII of 1962).]

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, direct.

**Further
provisions
as to extent**

2. The Government may, by notification-

(a) extend this Act or any portion thereof, to any town or local area in Bangladesh; and

(b) exclude from, or include in, town or local area to which this Act is extended under clause (a), any local area in the vicinity of the same and defined in the notification:

²[* * *] Provided that, before finally publishing any notification under this section, Government shall publish a draft of the same in such manner as it may think fit, and any rate-payer or inhabitant of the area affected by such draft may, if he objects to the draft, submit his objection in writing to the

Government within six weeks from its publication, and the Government shall take such objection into consideration.

Definitions

3. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

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(2) "notification" means a notification published in the "official Gazette".

(3) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules under this Act;

(4) "public place" means a road, street, way or other place, whether a thoroughfare or not, to which the public are granted access or over which they have a right to pass;

(5) "vehicle" means any wheeled vehicle drawn by a horse or horses and used for the conveyance of the human beings ⁴[* * *].

PART II

PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Prohibitions of driving vehicles by persons under eighteen

4. (1) No person under the age of eighteen years shall drive a vehicle in any public place.

(2) No owner or person in charge of a vehicle shall allow any person under the age of eighteen years to drive the same in any public place; and in the event of a contravention of sub-section (1), the court may presume that the vehicle was driven with the consent of the owner or person in charge.

Duty to stop vehicle for regulating traffic and in case of accident

5. The person in charge of a vehicle shall cause the vehicle to stop and to remain stationary so long as may be reasonably be necessary-

(a) when required to do so by any police-officer for the purpose of regulating traffic or of ascertaining his name and address with a view to prosecuting such person under this Act or for any purpose connected with the enforcement of the provisions of this Act or the rules thereunder, or

(b) when he knows or has reason to believe that an accident has occurred to any person or to any animal or conveyance in charge of a person owing to the presence of the vehicle, and he shall also give his name and address and the name and address of the owner of such vehicle, to any

police-officer in uniform present or to any person reasonably requesting such names and addresses.

Reckless driving

6. Whoever drives a vehicle in a public place recklessly or negligently, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition and use of the place, and the amount of traffic which actually is at the time and which might reasonably be expected to be, in the place, shall, on conviction, be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred Taka.

PART III

LICENSING AND CONTROL

Licensing of drivers

7. No person shall drive a vehicle in a public place unless he is licensed in the prescribed manner, and no owner or person in charge of a vehicle shall allow any person who is not so licensed to drive it.

Transfer of licence

8. The holder of a licence shall not allow it to be used by any other person.

Production of licence

9. The driver of a vehicle shall produce his licence upon the spot when required by any police-officer to do so.

Extent of validity of licence to drive

10. Every licence to drive a vehicle shall be valid in such area as may be specified therein.

Registration of vehicles

11. (1) The owner of every vehicle shall cause it to be registered in the prescribed manner.

(2) Such registration shall be valid in such area as may be specified in the certificate of registration.

Power of Government to make rules

12. (1) The Government, subject to the condition of previous publication, shall make rules for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and of regulating, in the whole or any part of Bangladesh, except the district of Sylhet, the use of vehicles or any class of vehicles in public places.