

**Draft Bills.**

**No. S. 200.**—The following bills are published for general information :—

[No. 9 :—5.6 31.—4.]

C.S.O. / .

**A BILL**

INTITLED

**An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901.**

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

Short title. **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Rating Amendment Ordinance, 1931.

Repeal of Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, s. 29, and substitution of new section. **2.** Section 29 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor :—

Amount of rates. **29.** After the time for appealing has expired, 17 per cent on the valuation of every tenement enumerated in the list shall be payable as rates from the 1st day of July in each year or from such other day as may be fixed by the Governor in Council : Provided that the said percentage shall be reduced to 16 per cent, in the case of any tenement for the water supply of which from the Government Waterworks the only provision made is a supply of unfiltered water, and shall be reduced to 15 per cent, in the case of any tenement for which no provision is made for any supply of water from such waterworks. For the purposes of this section provision for water supply shall be deemed to be made for a tenement, although it has not connection with the Government water-mains or waterworks, if such tenement is situated within 200 yards of a Government water-main.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, s. 43. **3.** Section 43 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, is amended as follows :—

- (i) by the deletion of all the words in the first four lines.
- (ii) by the deletion of the words "to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars" in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (7) and by the substitution therefor in each case of the words "upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months".
- (iii) by the insertion of the words "upon summary conviction" after the word "liable" in the third line of paragraph (5), and in the second and fifth lines of paragraph (6).

Amendment of Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, Schedule Form No. 1. **4.** The note at the foot of Form No. 1 in the Schedule to the Rating Ordinance, 1901, is repealed and the following note is substituted therefor :—

**NOTE.**—Every owner or occupier who refuses or neglects to furnish the particulars required, and every person who knowingly furnishes any false or incorrect particulars, is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months. If the above information is not furnished within ten days, no appeal from the assessment will be allowed.

*Objects and Reasons.*

Section 2 of this Ordinance substitutes for section 29 of the principal Ordinance a section in conformity with the resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 7th May. Section 3 raises the maximum penalty of one hundred dollars, imposed for offences under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7) of section 43 of the principal Ordinance, to five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months. The penalties hitherto are considered inadequate for the offences enumerated. The new penalties are in accord with those provided for similar offences under other Ordinances (*c.f.* sections 47, 48, 58, and 59 of Ordinance No 10 of 1916). Section 4 makes a consequential amendment in Form 1 in the Schedule.

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*June, 1931.*

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C.S.O. 3096/25.

[No. 13:—11.6.31.—1.]

A BILL

INTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Summary Short title. Offences Amendment Ordinance, 1931.

2. Section 10 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845, as amended by section 3 of the Summary Offences Amendment Ordinance, 1924, is amended by the deletion of the words "five dollars" and by the substitution therefor of the words "twenty five dollars".

Amendment of Ordinance No. 1 of 1845, s. 10 as amended by Ordinance No. 10 of 1924, s. 3

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*Objects and Reasons.*

The fine of five dollars for mendicancy in public highways or streets has been found inadequate.

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