

CHAPTER 27

PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC SECURITY

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC
SECURITY

3 of 1967
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[25th July, 1967]

1. This Act may be cited as the Preservation of Public Security
Act.

Short title

2. In this Act, "public security" includes the securing of the
safety of persons and property, the maintenance of supplies and
services essential to the life of the community, the prevention
and suppression of violence, intimidation, disorder and crime,
the prevention and suppression of mutiny, rebellion and con-
certed defiance of and disobedience to the law and lawful
authority, and the maintenance of the administration of justice.

Interpretation

3.—(1) If at any time the Governor-General is satisfied that it
is necessary for the preservation of public security so to do, he
may by notice declare that the provisions of subsections (3) and
(4) shall come into operation and thereupon those provisions
shall come into operation accordingly; and they shall continue in
operation until the Governor-General by further notice directs
that they shall cease to have effect, whereupon they shall cease
to have effect except as respects things previously done or
omitted to be done.

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(2) A notice under subsection (1) may, if the Governor-
General thinks fit, be made so as to apply only to such part of
Solomon Islands as may be specified in the notice, in which case
regulations made under subsection (3) shall, except as otherwise
expressly provided in such regulations, have effect only in that
part of Solomon Islands so specified.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (4), the Governor-
General may for the preservation of public security, by regula-
tion—

(a) make provision for the prohibition of the publication
and dissemination of matter prejudicial to public security,
and, to the extent necessary for that purpose, for the
regulation and control of the production, publishing, sale,
supply, distribution and possession of publications;

(b) make provision for the prohibition, restriction and control of assemblies;

(c) make provision for the prohibition, restriction and control of the residence, movement and transport of persons, the possession, acquisition, use and transport of movable property, and the entry to, egress from, occupation and use of immovable property;

(d) make provision for the regulation and control of food and liquor supplies, medical supplies, clothing supplies, fuel and lubricant supplies, chemical supplies, supplies of arms, ammunition and explosives, hospital, health, medical and nursing services, conservancy and sanitation services, water and electricity services, fire services, posts and telecommunications services, wireless and broadcasting services, road transport services, marine, port, dock and harbour services, airport, air and meteorological services, and the production, manufacture, importation, exportation and bulk, wholesale and retail distribution of such supplies and distribution and performance of such services;

(e) make provision for, and authorise the doing of, such other things as appear to him to be required by the exigencies of the situation in Solomon Islands.

(4) Regulations made under this section shall not make provision for any of the matters set out in section 4 (3).

(5) The coming into operation of section 4 (3) shall not cause the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section to cease to have effect.

4.—(1) If at any time the Governor-General is satisfied that the situation in Solomon Islands is so grave that the exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 is inadequate to ensure the preservation of public security, he may by notice declare that a public emergency which threatens the life of the community exists and that the provisions of subsection (3) shall come into operation, and thereupon those provisions shall come into operation accordingly; and they shall continue in operation until the Governor-General by a further notice directs that they shall cease to have effect, whereupon they shall cease to have effect except as respects things previously done or omitted to be done.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) may, if the Governor-General thinks fit, be made so as to apply only to such part of Solomon Islands as may be specified in the notice, in which case regulations made under subsection (3) shall, except as otherwise

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expressly provided in such regulations, have effect only in that part of Solomon Islands so specified.

(3) The Governor-General may, for the preservation of public security, make regulations to provide, so far as appears to him to be required by the exigencies of the situation in Solomon Islands, for—

(a) the detention of persons;

(b) requiring persons to do work and render services.

5. Regulations made under section 3 or section 4 may—

(a) make provision for the payment of compensation and remuneration to persons affected by the regulations;

(b) make provision for the apprehension and trial of persons offending against the regulations, and, notwithstanding the provisions of section 66(1) (b) of the Interpretation and General Provisions Act, for such penalties as the Governor-General may think fit for offences thereunder;

(c) make provision for suspending the operation of or for amending any written law other than an imperial enactment;

(d) make provision for empowering such authorities and persons as may be specified in the regulations to make orders and rules for any of the purposes for which such regulations may be made;

(e) make provision for the delegation and transfer of powers and duties conferred and imposed by or under the regulations;

(f) contain such other incidental and supplementary provisions as appear to the Governor-General to be necessary or desirable for the purposes of such regulations:

Provided that nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section or in the provisions of section 3 or section 4 shall authorise the making of any regulations providing for the trial of persons by military courts.

6.—(1) Any regulations made under this Act may be made to apply to Solomon Islands as a whole or to any part thereof, and to any person or class of persons or to the public generally, notwithstanding that the notice under section 3 or section 4, as the case may be, pursuant to which the regulations are made, has been applied to only a specified part of Solomon Islands.

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(2) Any regulation made under this Act, and any order or rule made under such regulation, shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any written law other than an imperial enactment; and to the extent of any such inconsistency any such written law as aforesaid shall have no effect so long as such regulation, order or rule shall remain in force.

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7. Every document purporting to be a regulation, order, rule, licence, permit, certificate, direction, authority or other document made, granted or issued by the Governor-General or any other authority or person in pursuance of this Act or any regulation made under this Act or any order or rule made under any such regulation, and purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Governor-General or such other authority or person, shall be received in evidence, and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been made, granted or issued by the Governor-General or that authority or person.

(No Subsidiary Legislation.)