FEDERATION OF MALAYA

No. 21 OF 1953

THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ENACTMENT (TRENGGANU) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1953

Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Malay States assent hereto

I assent



Public Seal of the Federation

Witnesses to the affixing of the Rulers' Seal:

BADLISHAH
(IN MALAY)
Sultan of Kedah.

G. W. R. TEMPLER, High Commissioner.

27th April, 1953.

PUTRA IBNI HASSAN JAMALULLAIL,

Raja of Perlis.

25th April, 1953.

An Ordinance to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Enactment of the State of Trengganu.

[30th April, 1953.]

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED by the High Commissioner of the Federation of Malaya and Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Malay States, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths Enactment (Trengganu) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1953.

Amendment of Section 3. No. 4 of 1344.

2. Section 3 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Enactment, 1344, of the State of Trengganu, hereinafter referred to as "the Enactment" is hereby amended by deleting items (1) and (2) in sub-section (c) thereof and by renumbering the remaining items (3), (4) and (5) as (1), (2) and (3) respectively.

Addition of new sections 7A; 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E and 7F.

3. The Enactment is hereby amended by the addition of the following new sections immediately after section 7 thereof:

"Post registration.

7A. Notwithstanding any omission to report or furnish information as to any birth or any death within the prescribed period, it shall be the duty of the Deputy Registrar to procure by all means in his power the best and most accurate information on respecting any birth or death which may have occurred within his registration area and to cause the same to be recorded (so far as is practicable) in the manner prescribed, but not until after the expiration of the time prescribed in each case:

Provided that every entry made under this section on any page of a registration book and on the counterfoil thereof shall be marked by the Deputy Registrar, in such manner as may be prescribed, with the words 'Post Registration'; and no copy of any entry so marked shall be receivable in evidence, as prescribed in section 6,

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unless the truth of the facts therein entered shall have been found by a First Class Magistrate in a proceeding instituted before him under this section and such Magistrate has certified his finding in the register. Such a proceeding may be instituted by any person claiming to have an interest in substantiating the record marked 'Post Registration' and shall be brought by way of information and summons to be served on the Registrar calling upon him to shew cause why a certified copy of such entry should not be entitled to be received in evidence in the manner and to the extent provided by section 6.

7B. (i) It shall be the duty of all police officers, Duties of penghulus, and headmen to obtain information of officers every birth and death within their respective areas penghulus or mukims, and also respecting the father or mother headmen. of every child born in their respective areas or mukims, and respecting the occupier of any house in their respective areas or mukims in which any birth or death may take place, and to give notice thereof to the Deputy Registrar of the Registration

- (ii) Any police officer, penghulu, or headmen who, knowing such particulars, shall wilfully neglect or omit to give notice thereof to the Deputy Registrar shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars.
- 7c. (i) It shall be the duty of every registered Duty of medical practitioner, upon the death of any person medical who has during his last illness been attended by as to such medical practitioner, to sign and deliver within certificate. twelve hours of the death to the Deputy Registrar of the registration area within which the death took place a certificate in the prescribed form.
- (ii) In case any certificate under the last subsection shall certify that the cause of death of any person has arisen from plague, cholera, small-pox or any disease that is or shall hereafter be required to be notified to foreign countries as a dangerous infectious disease under any convention with

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regard to dangerous infectious diseases for the time being in force which is not known at the time to be prevalent in the State where the deceased person died it shall be lawful in any case where the Registrar is not satisfied of the correctness of the diagnosis made by the registered medical practitioner for him to refuse to act upon such certificate and to refuse to register the death until a further and other opinion as to the cause of death has been given upon an examination made by a Government Health Officer and in every such case the cause of death that shall be entered in the register book shall be that certified by such officer.

- (iii) When a registered medical practitioner has made a post-mortem examination of the body of any person, such medical practitioner shall, within twenty-four hours after the conclusion of the examination, forward a certificate in the prescribed form to the Deputy Registrar of the registration area within which the death took place.
- (iv) The cause of death as stated in the certificate, together with the name of the certifying medical practitioner, shall be entered on the appropriate page of the registration book and on the counterfoil thereof.
- (v) For the purposes of this section the expression 'registered medical practitioner' shall mean any medical practitioner registered under the provisions of the Medical Registration Ordinance,

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7D. When an enquiry is held into the death of any person, the Magistrate holding such enquiry shall, within twenty-four hours after the conclusion thereof, forward a certified copy of his finding to the Deputy Registrar of the registration area within which the death took place, and the cause of death as stated in such finding shall be entered on

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7E. No prosecution for any offence under this Authority Enactment shall be instituted except by the for prosecution. authority of the Public Prosecutor or a Registrar.

- 7F. (i) No alteration in any registration book or Correction register shall be made except as authorised by this of errors. section.
 - (ii) Any clerical error which may from time to time be discovered in any such registration book or register may be corrected by a Deputy Registrar while the counterfoil is in his possession and thereafter by the Registrar of the registration area.
 - (iii) An error of fact or substance in any such registration book or register may be corrected by entry in the margin (without any alteration of the original entry) by the Registrar of the registration area, upon payment of the prescribed fee and upon production to him by the person requiring such error to be corrected of a statutory declaration setting forth the nature of the error and the true facts of the case and made by two persons required by this Enactment to give information concerning the birth or death with reference to which the error has been made, or in default of such persons then by two credible persons having knowledge of the truth of the case.
- (iv) Where an error of fact or substance occurs in the information forwarded by a Magistrate under section 7D concerning a dead body upon which he has held an enquiry the Magistrate, if satisfied by evidence on oath or statutory declaration that such error exists, may certify under his hand to the Registrar of the registration area within which the death took place the nature of the error and the true facts of the case as ascertained by him on such evidence and the error may thereupon be corrected by such Registrar by entering in the margin (without an alteration of the original entry) the facts as so certified by the Magistrate."

Addition of new section 9.

- 4. The Enactment is hereby amended by the addition of the following new section immediately after section 8 thereof:
- "Rules. 9. The High Commissioner in Council may make Rules and may prescribe forms for the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this Enactment."

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