

THE LEPROSY LAWS (REPEAL) ACT, 1988

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Act 25 of 1989.- The leprosy laws in force in Karnataka, namely. The Lepers Act, 1898 (Central Act 3 of 1898) , The Mysore Lepers Act, 1925 (Mysore Act 4 of 1925) , The Hyderabad Leprosy Act, 1954 (Hyderabad Act 4 of 1954), the Lepers (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1955 (Bombay Act 28 of 1955) have been enacted more than thirty years ago. These Acts provide for the segregation and medical treatment of pauper lepers suffering from infectious type of disease.

According to the present thinking and researches carried on leprosy, it is like any other disease which can be cured if treated in the initial stage and in a proper manner, and a patient who is cured can live with honour and dignity like any other citizen. In the background of this changed concept and knowledge gained about the disease, the Working Group on Eradication of Leprosy appointed by the Government of India recommended for the repeal of the Lepers Acts. Accordingly all Lepers Laws in force in Karnataka are being repealed.

Hence the Bill.

(Obtained from L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1988)

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KARNATAKA ACT NO. 25 OF 1989

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THE KARNATAKA LEPROSY LAWS (REPEAL) ACT, 1988

(Received the assent of the President on the Sixteenth day of September, 1989)

An Act to repeal the Leprosy Act in force in the State of Karnataka.

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Lepers Act, 1898 (Central Act 3 of 1898), the Mysore Leprosy Act, 1925 (Mysore Act 4 of 1925), the Hyderabad Leprosy Act, 1954 (Hyderabad Act 4 of 1954), the Leprosy (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1955, (Bombay Act 28 of 1955) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Leprosy Laws (Repeal) Act, 1988.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- In this Act unless the context otherwise requires "repealed Acts" means the Lepers Act, 1898 (Central Act 3 of 1898), the Mysore Lepers Act, 1925 (Mysore Act 4 of 1925), the Hyderabad Leprosy Act, 1954 (Hyderabad Act 4 of 1954) and the Lepers (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1955 (Bombay Act 28 of 1955).

3. Repeal of Central Act 3 of 1898, Mysore Act 4 of 1925, Hyderabad Act 4 of 1954 and Bombay Act 28 of 1955.- The Lepers Act, 1898, (Central Act 3 of 1898) as in force in the Belgaum Area and Mangalore and Kollegal Areas, the Mysore Lepers Act, 1925 (Mysore Act 4 of 1925) as in force in the Mysore Area, the Hyderabad Leprosy Act, 1954 (Hyderabad Act 4 of 1954) as in force in Gulbarga Area and the Lepers (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1955 (Bombay Act 28 of 1955) as in force in Belgaum Area are hereby repealed.

4. Declaration.- It is hereby declared for removal of doubts that all persons detained in lepers asylums shall stand discharged from the date of commencement of this Act and all restrictions put on lepers by or under the repealed Acts as movements to or from any local area or from following any trade or calling shall stand annulled.

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