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Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Private Works Construction Act.

The Minister to grant licences for construction of works.

2. The Minister may in such form and subject to such conditions, agreements, limitations, provisos and restrictions in all respects as he thinks fit and proper in each case, grant a licence or permission to any person who may make application therefor to construct any wharf, bridge, pier, bathing or other kraal or other erection whatever upon, and to enclose, stake in or fill up any land on the shore of the sea or bank of any river in any part of Belize other than Belize City.

Preparation and recording of licences.

3. Every licence granted under this Act shall be prepared at the applicant's own cost and charge and shall be submitted to the Minister for approval, and after the granting of it shall, by or at the direction of the applicant, be recorded in the General Registry before such applicant does or commences to do or causes to be done or commenced any act or thing which but for such licence would an encroachment upon the rights of the State or the public.

Limitation.

4. This Act shall not in any way affect the provisions of the Belize City Council Act, Cap. 85.

Indemnity to persons acting in conformity with the Act.

5. No action, suit or other proceeding shall at any time be brought or instituted on behalf of the Crown or public against any applicant or any person claiming by, from or under him in respect of any trespass or encroachment authorised by any licence or permission granted under section 2 of this Act.

Penalty for infringement.

6. - (1) Every person who, without a licence or permission granted under section 2 of this Act, does any of the things specified in the said section

commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence.

(2) It shall be lawful for the Minister to direct,

40 of 1963.

- (a) that any wharf, bridge, pier, bathing or other kraal or erection constructed without such licence be removed;
- (b) that the site of the land upon which any such wharf, bridge, pier, bathing or other kraal or erection stands be restored to its former condition at the cost and expense of the person so offending;
- (c) that the site of any land referred to in section 2 of this Act, which has been closed, staked in or filled up without such licence be restored to its former condition at the cost and expense of the person so offending; and
- (d) that the amount of the cost and expense so incurred under this section by the Minister may be recovered in like manner as a penalty is recoverable.

7. All penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered on summary conviction.

Recovery of penalties.