



**MALTA**

**ATT Nru. XVII ta' l-1978**

ATT mahruġ b'ligi mill-Parlament ta' Malta.

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**ACT No. XVII of 1978**

AN ACT enacted by the Parliament of Malta.

AN ACT further to amend the Press Act, 1974.



Nagħti l-kunsens tiegħi.

*Anton Kull*

President

19 ta' Mejju, 1978

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IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:—

Titolu fil-qosor.

1. Dan l-Att jista' jissejjaħ l-Att ta' l-1978 li jemenda l-Att dwar l-Istampa, u għandu jinqara u jfittiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Att ta' l-1974 dwar l-Istampa, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjaħ "l-Att prinċipali".

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 9 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

2. Minflok is-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 9 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhöl dan li ġej:

“(1) Kull min dolożament, b'xi mezz imsemmi fl-artikolu 3 ta' dan l-Att, ixerred aħbarijiet foloz illi jistgħu jallarmaw l-opinjoni pubblika, jew jiddisturbaw il-bon'ordni jew il-paċi pubblika, jew jistgħu joħolqu aġitazzjoni fost il-pubbliku jew fost ċerti klassijiet tal-pubbliku, jeħel meta jinsab haġi priġunerija għal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tliet xhur jew multa jew dik il-priġunerija u multa flimkien:

Iżda, jekk ir-reat iwassal għal disturbi, jew jekk ir-reat ikun ikkontribwixxa għall-għajja ta' disturbi, min jagħmel ir-reat jeħel priġunerija għal żmien ta' mhux inqas minn xahar iżda mhux iżjed minn sitt xhur u multa.”.

3. Fis-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 21 ta' l-Att prinċipali, min-flok il-kliem "f'post li jidher sewwa u bl-istess tipi" għandhom jidhru l-kliem "fl-istess paġna, bl-istess tipi u bl-istess prominenza bħall-pubblikazzjoni li dwarha tkun qed issir id-dikjarazzjoni bħala kontradizzjoni jew spjegazzjoni".

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 21 ta' l-Att prinċipali.



Mgħoddi mill-Kamra tad-Deputati fis-Seduta Nru. 167 tas-17 ta' Mejju, 1978.

Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

Speaker



I assent.

*Anton Kuthing*  
President

19 May, 1978

## ACT No. XVII of 1978

*AN ACT further to amend the Press Act, 1974.*

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Press (Amendment) Act, 1978, and shall be read and construed as one with the Press Act, 1974, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of section 9 of the principal Act.

2. For subsection (1) of section 9 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

"(1) Whosoever shall maliciously, by any means mentioned in section 3 of this Act, spread false news which is likely to alarm public opinion, or disturb public good order or the public peace, or to create a commotion among the public or among certain classes of the public, shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine (*multa*) or to both such imprisonment and fine:

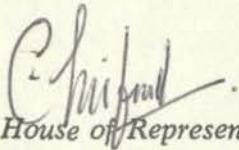
Provided that, if any disturbance ensues in consequence of the offence, or if the offence has contributed to the occurrence of any disturbance, the offender shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than one month but not exceeding six months and to a fine (*multa*)."

3. In subsection (2) of section 21 of the principal Act, for the words "in a prominent place and in the same type" there shall be substituted the words "on the same page, in the same type and with the same prominence as the publication about which the statement by way of contradiction or explanation is made".

Amendment of  
section 21 of  
the principal  
Act.

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Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 167 of the 17th May, 1978.



Clerk to the House of Representatives



Speaker