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ATT Nru. XVII ta' l-1978	ACT No. XVII of 1978
ATT maħruġ b'liġi mill-Parlament ta' Malta.	AN ACT enacted by the Parliament of Malta.
ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1974 dwar l-Istampa.	**AN ACT further to amend the Press Act, 1974.**

Naghti l-kunsens tieghi.

President

19 ta' Mejju, 1978

ATT Nru. XVII ta' l-1978

ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1974 dwar l-Istampa.

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

Titolu fil-qosor.

1. Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-1978 li jemenda l-Att dwar l-Istampa, u ghandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa wahda ma' l-Att ta' l-1974 dwar l-Istampa, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "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 ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:

"(1) Kull min dolożament, b'xi mezz imsemmi fl-artikolu 3 ta' dan l-Att, ixerred ahbarijiet foloz illi jistghu jallarmaw l-opinjoni pubblika, jew jiddisturbaw il-bon'ordni jew il-paċi pubblika, jew jistghu joholqu aġitazzjoni fost il-pubbliku jew fost ċerti klassijiet tal-pubbliku, jehel meta jinsab hati priġunerija ghal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tliet xhur jew multa jew dik il-priġunerija u multa flimkien:

Iżda, jekk ir-reat iwassal ghal disturbi, jew jekk ir-reat ikun ikkontribwixxa ghall-ġrajja ta' disturbi, min jaghmel ir-reat jehel priġunerija ghal 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, minflok il-kliem "f'post li jidher sewwa u bl-istess tipi" għandhom jidħlu 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.

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.**

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

Clerk to the House of Representatives

Speaker