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KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI

ABBOZZ ta' Liġi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Dott. Anton Buttigieg, B.A., LL.D., M.P., Ministru tal-Gustizzja u Affarijiet tal-Parlament u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta tat-18 ta' Awissu, 1971.

ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Ordinanza dwar il-*Meetings Pubbliċi*, Kap. 108.

C. MIFSUD,
A/Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Dr. Anton Buttigieg, B.A., LL.D., M.P., Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 18th August, 1971.

AN ACT further to amend the *Public Meetings Ordinance*, Cap. 108.

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A/Clerk to the House of Representatives.

ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI

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IL-WISQ Eċċellenti Maestà Taghha r-Regina, bil-parir u kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati ta' Malta, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, harġet b'liġi dan li ġej:—

Titolu fil-qosor.

1. Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-1971 li jemenda l-Ordinanza dwar il-*Meetings* Pubbliċi, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Ordinanza dwar il-*Meetings* Pubbliċi, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejha "il-liġi prinċipali".

Sostituzzjoni ta' l-artikolu 9 tal-liġi prinċipali.

2. Minflok l-artikolu 9 tal-liġi prinċipali għandu jidhol dan li ġej:—

"Proċessjo-
nijiet lejn
jew minn
meetings
pubbliċi.

9. (1) Ikun kontra l-liġi min imur lejn xi *meeting* pubbliku jew jerga' lura minnu bi proċessjoni kemm-il darba avviz għal dak l-iskop, flimkien mad-dettalji tar-rotta li jkun hemm il-hsieb li tittiehed, ma jkunx ingħata bil-miktub lill-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija mhux aktar minn tmint ijiem u mhux anqas minn sitt ijiem qabel ma l-*meeting* ikun se jsir u kemm-il darba l-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija ma jkunx ta l-approvazzjoni tiegħu bil-miktub:

Iżda, f'kull każ, ikun kontra l-liġi, li xi hadd jimxi fi proċessjoni kif intqal qabel wara nżul ix-xemx:

Iżda wkoll, meta *meeting* isir fil-Belt Valletta, ikun kontra l-liġi min imur lejn il-*meeting* jew jerga' lura minnu bi proċessjoni fil-Belt Valletta.

(2) Kull persuna li tieġu sehem fi proċessjoni kontra dak li hemm dispost fl-aħħar subartikolu qabel dan issir hatja ta' reat u tehel, meta tinsab hekk hatja, prigunerija għal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tliet xhur."

3. L-artikolu 10 tal-liġi prinċipali huwa mħassar.

Thassir ta' l-artikolu 10 tal-liġi prinċipali.

Skopijiet u Ragunijiet

L-iskop ta' dan l-Abbozz huwa li jemenda l-Ordinanza dwar il-*Meetings* Pubbliċi, biex in-nies jithallew imorru lejn il-*meetings* pubbliċi u jergħu lura minnhom bi proċessjoni taht ċerti kondizzjonijiet u b'ċerti eċċezzjonijiet. Barra minn hekk il-projbizzjoni li jsiru *meetings* pubbliċi fil-beraħ fil-Belt Valletta u fil-Furjana qed titneħħa għal kollox.

A BILL

entitled

AN ACT further to amend the Public Meetings Ordinance, Cap. 108.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Meetings (Amendment) Act, 1971, and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Meetings Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

Substitution of section 9 of the principal law.

2. For section 9 of the principal law there shall be substituted the following:—

"Processions to or from public meetings.

9. (1) It shall not be lawful to proceed to a public meeting or to return therefrom in procession unless notice for such purpose, together with the details of the route intended to be followed, has been given in writing to the Commissioner of Police not earlier than eight days and not later than six days before the meeting is due to be held and unless the Commissioner of Police has signified his approval in writing:

Provided that it shall not, in any case, be lawful to proceed in procession as aforesaid after sunset:

Provided further that, when a meeting is held in Valletta, it shall not be lawful in Valletta to proceed there-to or to return therefrom in procession.

(2) Any person who shall form part of a procession in contravention of the last preceding subsection shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months."

3. Section 10 of the principal law is hereby repealed.

Repeal of
section 10
of the principal
law.

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to amend the Public Meetings Ordinance, so as to allow people to proceed to and return from public meetings in procession subject to certain conditions and exceptions. Moreover, the prohibition to hold public open air meetings in Valletta and in Floriana is removed altogether.