

## The Infectious Disease Act, 2020(1964)

**Date of Royal Assent and Publication:**

2020.11.16 (28 February 1964)

**Amending Act:**

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| 1. | The Infectious Disease (First Amendment) Act, 2029(1972) | 2029.6.5 (21 September 1972) |
| 2. | The Act Amending Some Nepal Acts, 2048(1992)             | 2049.1.8(20 May 1992)        |

Act number 28 of the year 2020(1964)

**Preamble:**

Whereas, it is expedient to make provisions for the root out or prevention of any infectious disease which spreads or is likely to spread throughout the Kingdom of Nepal or any part thereof so that such disease cannot reach its climax;

Now, therefore, **His Majesty King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev** has, on the advice and with the consent of the National Panchayat, enacted this Act.

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:** (1) This Act may be cited as the "Infectious Disease Act, 2020(1964)".

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Kingdom of Nepal.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2.<sup>1</sup> **Powers to make special provisions:** (1) Where any infectious disease develops or spreads or is likely to spread on the animals, birds or human

<sup>1</sup> Amended by the First Amendment.



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beings throughout the Kingdom of Nepal or any part thereof, Government of Nepal may take necessary action to root out or prevent that disease and may issue necessary orders applicable to the general public or a group of any persons.

(2) Government of Nepal may designate any official and confer necessary powers to such official to make necessary arrangements in order to root out or prevent any infectious disease that has been developed or spread or is likely to spread on the animals, birds or human beings.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1) or (2), Government of Nepal may issue necessary orders for the purpose of conducting examination of any animals, birds being transported on foot or by any means of conveyance or of any passengers and holding any animals, birds or passengers by the official designated for examination in quarantine in hospitals or other places where the official is doubtful that such animals, birds or passengers have developed any infectious disease or of inspecting or controlling the transportation or movement by any means.

3. **Punishment:** (1) A person who violates this Act or disregards any order issued under this Act shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees or with both.

(2) A person who obstructs the persons authorized under this Act with the performance of their duties shall be liable to punishment of imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding six hundred rupees or with both.



  
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4. **Powers to try and settle cases:** The Chief District Officer<sup>2</sup> shall have powers to try and settle cases on offenses committed under this Act.
5. **Saving of act done in good faith:** Where any person authorized under this Act carries out any act in good faith in the course of performing any of his/her duties, no lawsuit or any other legal action may be instituted or taken against such person.



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<sup>2</sup> Amended by the Act Amending Some Nepal Acts, 2048(1992).