

General rules for assemblies and processions

5.—(1) The Commissioner of Police may, subject to the approval of the Minister, make general rules for —

- (a) the conduct of all assemblies and processions in public roads, public places or places of public resort, and issuing permits for the same;
- (b) requiring previous notice to be given of the intention to hold such assemblies and processions;
- (c) keeping order and preventing obstruction or inconvenience in the public roads, bridges, landing places, and all public places and places of public resort, whether such public places or places of public resort are on public or private land.

Prohibition of assemblies or processions

(2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, with the sanction of the Minister, prohibit any assembly or procession in any public road or in any public place or place of public resort.

Publication of rules

(3) All general rules made under this section shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Penalty for breach of the rules

(4) Any person who infringes any general rules made under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50.

(5) Any person who holds or is present assisting at any assembly or procession in any public road or in any public place or place of public resort held in defiance of a prohibition by the Deputy Commissioner of Police under subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(6) For the purposes of this section —

“public place” means any building, park, garden, sea beach or other place to which the public for the time being has access;

“place of public resort” means an approved place as defined in the Public Entertainments Act [Cap. 257].

(7) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent any athletic contest in any public place, or to prevent any assembly in any place of public resort for the purpose for

which the place of public resort is licensed.