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An Act to consolidate the law relating to the prevention
of the spread of dangerous epidemic diseases in the Province of
West Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate the law
relating to the prevention of the spread of dangerous epidemic
diseases in the Province of West Pakistan;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. qd) This Act may be called the West Pakistan
Epidemic Diseases Act, 1958.

(2) It extends to the whole of [Pakistan].

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. qd) When at any time the Provincial Government is
satisfied that the Province or any part thereof is visited by, or
threatened with an outbreak of any dangerous epidemic disease,
the Provincial Government, if it thinks that the ordinary
provisions of the law for the time being in force are insufficient
for the purpose, may take, or require or empower any person to
take, such measures and, by public notice, prescribe such
temporary regulations to be observed by the public or by any
person or class of persons as it shall deem necessary to prevent
the outbreak of such disease or the spread thereof, and may
determine in what manner and by whom any expenses incurred
(including compensation, if any) shall be defrayed.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the

generality of the foregoing provisions, the Provincial Government may take measures and prescribe regulations for the inspection of persons travelling by railway or otherwise, and the segregation, in hospital, temporary accommodation or otherwise, of persons suspected by the inspecting officer of being infected with any such disease.

1 For statement of objects and reasons, see W.P. Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 27th July, 1956, pp. 618-619. This Act was passed by the W.P. Assembly on 3rd April, 1958; assented to by the Governor of W.P. on 30th April, 1958; and published in the W.P. Gazette (Extraordinary), dated 5 May, 1958, pp. 787-88.

Subs. for "the Province of West Pakistan, except the Tribal Areas", by P.O. 4 of 1975.

(3) The Provincial Government may, by general or special order, empower a Deputy Commissioner to exercise in relation to the district all the powers under this section exercisable by the Provincial Government in relation to the Province, other than the power to determine in what manner and by whom any expenses incurred (including compensation, if any) shall be defrayed.

(4) The exercise of powers delegated by the Provincial Government shall be subject to such restrictions, limitations and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the Provincial Government and to the control of, and to revision by the Provincial Government.

Penalty. 3. Any person disobeying any regulation or order made under this Act shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code.

Protection to 4. No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any persons acting —_ person for anything done or in good faith intended to be done under Act. under this Act.

Repeal. 5. The following enactments are hereby repealed:—

(a) the 'Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897;

(b) the *Khairpur State Epidemic Diseases Act, 1941; and

(c) the *Epidemic Diseases (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1944.

1 i.e. Act III of 1897.

2 ie. Act IV of 1941.

3 ie. Pb. Act III of 1944,