

SIGNED this 22nd day of December, 1973.

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SIAKA STEVENS,
President.

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Sierra Leone

The Building Fees Act, 1973

Short title.

Being an Act to enable fees to be collected for services rendered by the Government in respect of buildings, and for the collection of sand on State owned lands

[31st December, 1973.]

Commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. In this Act—

“building” means any erection or construction intended for habitation or for the purpose of commerce or trade;

“officer” means an employee of the Government;

“sand” includes gravel.

Power to levy
and collect
fees.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law, it shall be lawful for the President, acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet, by Order, to fix the fees to be taken in respect of any service rendered by any department of State in relation to a building, and for the removal of sand for private use from any land under the control of the Government.

(2) On payment of such fee, the appropriate permit shall be issued to the payer by the officer collecting the fee.

3. Fees shall be fixed in accordance with the provisions of the Order, and collected by such Officer and in such manner as may be provided in the Order.

Fee may be
varied.

4. Any fee fixed by an Order made under this Act may, from time to time, by another Order, be varied or abolished.

Publication
of Order.

5. An Order made under this Act shall be published, and exhibited in the office responsible for collecting the fee, and in other places in a conspicuous manner for the inspection of all persons.

Prohibition
against Offi-
cers.

6. (1) Any Officer whose duty it is to render any service for which a fee is payable under this Act shall not ask for or take any fee or reward for or on account of any act, thing, service done, performed or rendered, or to be done, performed or rendered by him in the execution of his office.

(2) An Officer who does any act prohibited by sub-section (1) commits an offence, and shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding one hundred leones or to imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Penalties.

7. (1) Any person who fails to pay the fee fixed under this Act before doing any act for which the fee is payable, commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction before a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding fifty leones or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Without prejudice to the penalty provided under sub-section (1), the Magistrate shall order that the fee so unpaid shall be paid.

Passed in Parliament this 7th day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

A. M. DUMBUYA,
Acting Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

A. M. DUMBUYA,
Acting Clerk of Parliament.