The Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 1963

Act 16 of 1964

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PART IV

Acts of the Gujarat Legislature and Ordinances promulgated and Regulations made by the Governor.

The following Act of the Gujarat Legislature having been assented to by the President on the 26th April 1964, is hereby published for general information.

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Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legal Department.

GUJARAT ACT NO. 16 OF 1964.

(First published, after having received the assent of the President in the Gujarat Government Gazette on the 13th May 1964).

An Act further to amend the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949.

It is hereby enacted in the Fourteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 1963.

2. In clause (10a) of section 2 of the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act") for the words "any preparation made with denatured spirit" the words "any liquid preparation made with and containing denatured spirit" shall be substituted.
3. After section 115 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:

"115. A. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, an offence of consumption of any intoxicant or hemp specified in clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 66, may be tried by a Magistrate having jurisdiction either at the place in which the offence was actually committed or at any place in the State in which the offender may be found."

Amendment of section 120 of Bom. XXV of 1949.

4. In section 120 of the principal Act,

(I) in clause (c), the word "and" occurring at the end shall be omitted;

(2) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

"(cc) destroy any earthen pot or other receptacle found hanging on a toddy producing tree, if he is satisfied that the person by whom or on whose behalf the pot or receptacle is so hung is not known or cannot be found and he has reason to believe that an offence specified in clause (c) or (d) of sub-section (1) of section 66 is committed; and"
PART IV

Acts of the Gujarat Legislature and Ordinances promulgated and Regulations made by the Governor.

The following Act of the Gujarat Legislature having been assented to by the Governor on the 5th February 1978 is hereby published for general information.

S. L. TALATI,
Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legal Department.

GUJARAT ACT NO. 9 OF 1978.

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An Act further to amend the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949.

It is hereby enacted in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 1978.
2. In the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), in section 2,—

(1) in clause (23), for sub-clause (b), the following shall be substituted, namely:

"(b) hash, that is, the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis plant;"

(2) in clause (30), in sub-clause (b), the words "which has not been submitted to any manipulation other than those necessary for packing and transport" shall be deleted;

(3) after clause (39), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

"(39A) "rotten gur" means the article known as gur, gul, jaggery, palmyra jaggery or rab and other intermediary product prepared by boiling or processing juice pressed out of sugar cane or extracted from palmyra palm, date palm, sago palm, brab palm or coconut palm, with or without admixture of molasses, and which is in a liquid form or a semi-liquid or viscous form and which has a dark brown or a black colour or which, inspite of being in a solid, liquid, semi-liquid or viscous form, is unfit for human consumption owing to its becoming filthy, putrid, disgusting or decomposed;"

(4) for clause (45), the following shall be substituted, namely:

"(45) "territorial waters" with reference to the State, means any part of the open sea within a distance of twelve nautical miles from the nearest point of the appropriate base line or such other distance as may be fixed by or under any law made by Parliament;".

3. In the principal Act, after section 24, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:

"24-1A. No person, shall for the purpose of producing a state of intoxication, consume any medicinal preparation containing alcohol in any quantity exceeding the normal dose.

Explanation.—The expression "normal dose", in relation to any medicinal preparation, means the quantity prescribed by a registered medical practitioner to be taken at a time and in a case where no such prescription has been obtained, the quantity indicated to be taken at a time in the directions given by the manufacturer of the medicinal preparation.

24-1B. No person who has consumed any intoxicant (other than opium) or hemp in any place outside the State shall enter any territory of the State while he is in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of such intoxicant or hemp."
4. In the principal Act, in section 28, in sub-section (3), in clause (d), for the words “ten miles” the words “sixteen kilometres” shall be substituted.

5. In the principal Act, in section 40,—

(a) in sub-section (1), for the word “permits” the words “a temporary resident’s permit” shall be substituted;

(b) for the marginal note, the following shall be substituted, namely:

“Temporary resident’s permits.”

6. In the principal Act, in section 54, in sub-section (1), in clause (d),—

(i) for the words, figures and brackets “or under the Drugs Act, 1940 or under the Bombay Drugs (Control) Act, 1952” the words, figures and brackets “or under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 or under the Bombay Drugs (Control) Act, 1959” shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the words and figures “or of any offence punishable under Article 8 of the Schedule to section 167 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878” the words, figures, brackets and letter “or of any offence punishable under section 112 of the Customs Act, 1962 for an act specified in clause (d) of section 111 of the said Act, including the abetment of the doing, or the omission, of such act” shall be substituted.

7. In the principal Act, after Chapter VI, the following new Chapter shall be inserted, namely:

“CHAPTER VI-A.

CONTROL AND REGULATION OF ROTTEN GUR AND AMMONIUM CHLORIDE.

64. No person shall have in his possession, except under a permit granted by an officer empowered by the State Government in that behalf, any quantity of rotten gur in excess of such quantity as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify.

64A. No person shall manufacture, use or consume rotten gur except under the authority, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of, a licence, permit, pass or authorisation granted for the purpose by an officer empowered in that behalf by the State Government.
64B. No person shall manufacture, use or have in his possession ammonium chloride, in excess of such quantity as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify, except under a licence, permit, pass or authorisation granted by an officer empowered by the State Government in that behalf.

64C. The provisions of sections 53 to 59 (both inclusive) shall, so far as may be applicable, apply to licences, permits, passes or authorisations granted under sections 64, 64A and 64B.”.

8. In the principal Act, in section 66,—

(1) in sub-section (1), after clause (d), the following new clause shall be inserted namely:—

"(e) enters the territory of the State in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of an intoxicant (other than opium) or hemp, after having consumed such intoxicant or hemp at any place outside the State,"

(2) in sub-section (2),—

(a) after the words “for the consumption of an intoxicant”, the words, brackets, letter and figure “or in any trial of an offence under clause (e) of sub-section (1) for entry in the territory of the State after consumption of an intoxicant or hemp at any place outside the State” shall be inserted;

(b) for the words “the liquor consumed was a medicinal or toilet preparation,” the words, figures and letter “the liquor consumed was a medicinal preparation consumed in quantity not in excess of normal dose as defined in section 24-1A or that the liquor consumed was a toilet preparation” shall be substituted.

9. In the principal Act, after section 70, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

“70A. Whoever in contravention of the provisions of this Act, or any rule, regulation or order made or of any licence, permit, pass or authorisation granted thereunder possesses, manufactures, uses or consumes rotten gur or ammonium chloride shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.”.

10. In the principal Act, in section 103, after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) Where in any trial of an offence of manufacturing liquor or any intoxicating drug and using a still for such purpose in contravention of the
provisions of this Act, it is proved that the accused person was present by the side of the still while it was working or that he was the owner or occupier having the care, management or control of the place wherein such still was used, then the burden of proving that the accused person had not used, or had not abetted in using the still for manufacturing liquor or an intoxicating drug shall be on the accused person and the court shall, in the absence of such proof, assume to the contrary.”.

11. In the principal Act, in section 105, after sub-section (1), the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:

“(2) All notifications or orders issued under sub-section (1) shall be laid for not less than thirty days before the State Legislature as soon as may be after they are issued and shall be subject to such modifications as the State Legislature may make during the session in which they are so laid or the session immediately following.

(3) Any modification so made by the State Legislature shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall thereupon take effect.”.

12. In the principal Act, after section 106, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:

“107. The State Government may, by rules, prescribe the fees payable in respect of any privilege, licence, permit, pass or authorisation granted or issued under this Act.”.

13. In the principal Act, after section 116A, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:

“116B. Where in any trial for any offence of unlawful possession of liquor under this Act, it is proved that the accused person was in the possession of any sealed bottle bearing the original label indicating the name of any known brand of spirits, such as whisky, brandy, rum, gin, club punch, or of wines such as champagne, moselle, burgundy, chianti, white wines, clarets, hocks, riesling, meccan, ginger-wine, port type, port vermouth, sherry, wincarnis, vibrona, manez, buckfast, tonic-wine, or of fermented liquors such as ale, beer, milk-stout (porter), cider, and the name of its manufacturer it shall be presumed that the accused person was in possession of liquor.”.

14. In the principal Act, after section 117, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:

“117A. (1) If the Commissioner of Police or the District Superintendent of Police, as the case may be, considers that in any gram, nagar, municipal borough or city, or in any locality thereof it is necessary to have a list of local persons liable to serve as pancha witnesses for searches made and for
such other purposes connected with the investigation of offences under this
Act, the Commissioner of Police or the District Superintendent of Police, as
the case may be, may request the gram panchayat, the nagar panchayat, the
municipality, or the municipal corporation, of such gram, nagar, municipal
borough or city respectively, to prepare and maintain such list for such gram,
nagar, municipal borough, city or any locality thereof, and thereupon it shall
be the duty of such panchayat, municipality or municipal corporation to
prepare and maintain such list.

(2) The State Government shall, by rules, prescribe the age and qualifications
of persons who may be considered suitable for being included in any
such list, the procedure for preparing, publishing and maintaining such list
and the period for preparing, publishing and maintaining such list and the
period for which such list shall remain in force.

(3) Every person whose name is included in such list shall, when so
required by a prohibition officer or a police officer, be bound to serve as a
pancha witness.”

Amendment
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section 128A
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Amendment
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section 143
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15. In the principal Act, in section 128A, for the words “denatured spirituous
preparations” the words “denatured spirituous preparations, rotten gur or
ammonium chloride” shall be substituted.

16. In the principal Act, in section 143, in sub-section (2),—

(1) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(bb) regulating the possession, manufacture, use and consumption of
rotten gur and the possession, manufacture and use of ammonium chloride;”;

(2) in clause (f), for the word, brackets and letter “clause (b)” the words,
brackets and letters “clauses (b) and (bb)” shall be substituted;

(3) in clause (g), for the word, brackets and letter “clause (b)” the words,
brackets and letters “clauses (b) and (bb)” shall be substituted;

(4) in clause (h), for the word, brackets and letter “clause (b)” the words,
brackets and letters “clauses (b) and (bb)” shall be substituted;

(5) in clause (h),—

(a) in sub-clause (iii), for the words “denatured spirituous preparation
or hemp” the words “denatured spirituous preparation, hemp, rotten gur
or ammonium chloride” shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-clause (v), for the word “intoxicant” the words “intoxicant,
rotten gur or ammonium chloride” shall be substituted;

(c) in sub-clause (viii), for the words “mhowra flowers or molasses” the
words “mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride”
shall be substituted;
(6) in clause (k), for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted;

(7) in clause (n), for the words "intoxicant or hemp" the words "intoxicant, hemp, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted;

(8) in clause (o), for the words "intoxicant or hemp" the words "intoxicant, hemp, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted;

(9) in clause (p), for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted;

(10) in clause (r), for the words "sample of molasses" the words "samples of molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted.

17. In the principal Act, in section 144, in sub-section (I),

(1) in clause (a), for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted;

(2) in clause (b), for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted;

(3) in clause (d), for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted.

18. In the principal Act, in section 146B, for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride" shall be substituted.

19. (1) The Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act as if this Act had come into force on the date on which the said Ordinance had come into force.
The following Act of the Gujarat Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor on the 4th April, 2003 is hereby published for general information.

V. M. KOTHARE,
Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legislative and Parliamentery Affairs Department.


(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor in the "Gujarat Government Gazette", on the 5th April, 2003).

AN ACT

Further to amend the Bombay prohibition Act, 1949.

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 2003.
(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), after section 91, the following section shall be inserted, namely:

"92. (1) Where the court, on conviction for the first offence under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 66 for consumption of an intoxicant or sub-section (1) of section 85 or both sentences a person to simple imprisonment for certain term, it shall, in lieu of such imprisonment, require such person to execute a bond with sureties, containing such conditions in such form as may be prescribed, for rendering such community service and subjecting himself to such medical treatment for getting freed from addiction of intoxicant as may be prescribed for the term of such imprisonment.

(2) On execution of the bond under sub-section (1), the sentence shall stand suspended and the person shall be released:

Provided that if the person commits breach of any condition of the bond, the suspension of sentence shall stand cancelled and the sentence shall revive and the person shall be arrested by any police officer without warrant and remanded to undergo the unexpired portion of the sentence.

Explanation.- Nothing in this section shall be deemed as granting of probation to the offender.".

3. In the principal Act, in section 143, in sub-section (2), after clause (uu), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

“(uu) prescribing the form of the bond, nature of the community service; and the terms and conditions subject to which such service shall be rendered and medical treatment to which person shall be subject under sub-section (1) of section 92;”.

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The following Act of the Gujarat Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor on the 16th September, 2003 is hereby published for general information.

V. M. KOTHARE,
Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department.

GUJARAT ACT NO. 27 OF 2003.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor in the "Gujarat Government Gazette", on the 17th September, 2003).

AN ACT

further to amend the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949.

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Second Amendment) Act, 2003.

2. It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
2. In the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), in section 2, in clause (39A), the following shall be inserted at the end, namely:

"and shall include on chemical analysis, if it contains –

(i) total sugar (expressed as invert sugar) less than 90 per cent. and sucrose less than 60 per cent., or
(ii) extraneous matter insoluble in water more than 2 per cent., or
(iii) total ash more than 6 per cent., or
(iv) ash insoluble in by hydrochloric acid (HCL) more than 0.5 per cent., or
(v) more than 10 per cent. of moisture, or
(vi) sulphur dioxide in concentration exceeding 70 parts per million."

3. In the principal Act, in section 29, for the words "mhowra flowers or molasses" occurring at two places, the words "mhowra flowers, molasses, rotten gur or ammonium chloride," shall be substituted.

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Act of Gujarat Legislature and Ordinances Promulgated
Regulations made by the Governor.

The Following Act of the Gujarat Legislature, having been assented to by
the Governor on the 24th February, 2005 is hereby published for general
information.

S. S. PARMAR,
Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department.

GUJARAT ACT NO. 7 OF 2005.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor in the

AN ACT

further to amend the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949.

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Republic of India
as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat
Amendment) Act, 2005.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Govern-
ment may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
2. In the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), in section 66, in sub-section (1),—

(i) the proviso to paragraph (i) shall be deleted;

(ii) the proviso to paragraph (ii) shall be deleted;

(iii) the proviso to paragraph (iii) shall be deleted;

3. In the principal Act, in section 85, in sub-section (1),—

(a) in paragraph (i),—

(i) the proviso to sub-paragraph (a) shall be deleted;

(ii) the proviso to sub-paragraph (b) shall be deleted;

(b) in paragraph (ii),—

(i) the proviso to sub-paragraph (a) shall be deleted;

(ii) the proviso to sub-paragraph (b) shall be deleted;

4. In the principal Act, in section 92, in sub-section (1), for the words “it shall”, the words “it may” shall be substituted.

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PART IV
Acts of Gujarat Legislature and Ordinances promulgated and Regulations made by the Governor.

The following Act of the Gujarat Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor on the 1st December, 2011, is hereby published for general information.

C. J. GOTHI,
Secretary to the Government of Gujarat,
Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department.
GUJARAT ACT NO. 29 OF 2011.

(First published, after having received the assent of the Governor in the "Gujarat Government Gazette", on the 2nd December, 2011).

AN ACT

further to amend the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949.

It is hereby enacted in the Sixtieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Prohibition (Gujarat Amendment) Act, 2009.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), in section 2, after clause (23), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(23A) “Laththa” means spurious liquor, which contains methanol or any other poisonous substances, which may cause harmful or injurious effects to the human body or death of a person;”.

3. In the principal Act, in section 65, the proviso shall be deleted.

4. In the principal Act, after section 65, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

“65A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, whoever,-

(a) manufactures laththa,
(b) constructs or works any distillery or brewery for it,
(c) sells or buys laththa, or
(d) uses, keeps, transports or has in his possession laththa,
shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years, but shall not be less than seven years and also with fine.

(2) When there has been death of any person by the consumption of the said lathitha mentioned in sub-section (1) above, the person who has manufactured, kept, sold or arranged to make it drink or distributed lathitha shall, on conviction, be punished with death or imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

(3) Whoever keeps, sells, buys or supplies any material for manufacture of the lathitha and when there has been death of person by the consumption of the said lathitha shall, on conviction, be punished for a term up to imprisonment for life and shall also with fine.”.

5. In the principal Act, after section 94, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

“94A. Any Prohibition Officer or Police Officer duty bound under section 116C, fails to send the sample of liquor to Forensic Science Laboratory of the State for its detailed report shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees.”.

6. In the principal Act, in section 98, in sub-section (2), after the words “order of the Court”, the words “but it shall not be released on bond or surety till the final judgement of the Court where the quantity of the seized liquor is exceeding the quantity as may be prescribed by the rules.” shall be added at the end.

7. In the principal Act, in section 115,-

(1) section 115 shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section and in sub-section (1) as so renumbered, after the words “authorised by this Act”, the words and figures “except any sentence under section 65A” shall be inserted:
(2) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-


8. In the principal Act, after section 116B, the following section shall be inserted, namely :-

Duty to send sample to Laboratory. “116C. It shall be the duty of the Prohibition Officer or the Police Officer who has seized any liquor to forward immediately without any loss of time the sample of the same to the Forensic Science Laboratory of the State for detailed analysis report.”.

Amendment of section 119 of Bom. XXV of 1949. 9. In the principal Act, in section 119, for the words, figures and letter “sections 65, 67, 67-1A and 68”, the words, figures and letter “sections 65, 65A, 67, 67-1A and 68” shall be substituted.

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