

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 413.—The following Bill was read a first time at a meeting of the Council held on the 26th October, 1933:—

[No. 32:—18.10.33.—2.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Summary Offences Amendment (No. 2) Ordinance, 1933.

New sub-section (25A) of Ordinance No. 40 of 1932, s. 3.

2. Section 3 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, is amended by the addition of the following sub-section after sub-section (25) thereof:—

(25A) by any mechanical means reproduces or amplifies the human voice, any music or any noise whatsoever in a manner which, in the opinion of the magistrate having cognizance of the case, was intended to attract the attention of the passers-by in any public place, and was calculated to cause them to assemble in or to obstruct the same.

Objects and Reasons.

1. The use of modern methods of sound reproduction and amplification has become increasingly common as a means of advertisement among shopkeepers and others who broadcast popular programmes, encomiums of their wares and other matter to the public in the streets from loud-speakers installed in their shops and houses.

2. The result of this indiscriminate broadcasting has been an increase in noise and obstruction in public places, constituting an indictable nuisance for which this Ordinance provides a simple remedy

3. A provision directed against a similar form of nuisance is contained in the Straits Settlements Minor Offences (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1933, published in the Straits Gazette of 25th August, 1933.

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