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THE LAMU COUNTY ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY ACT, 2015

AN ACT of County Assembly of Lamu to prohibit and penalise the production, printing, publication, importation, sale, distribution and exhibition of obscene and pornographic materials and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the County Assembly of Lamu as follows —

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Lamu County Anti-Pornography Act, 2015 and shall come into operation upon the expiry of thirty days of publication.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
“Executive Member” means the County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to morality in the County;

“person” includes a company, association or other body whether incorporated or unincorporated.

“pornographic material” includes any public display in print, audio, visual, electronic or other similar medium that describes or exhibits obscenity.

Guiding principle.

3. In fulfilling the Act’s mandate, the executive member must act in accordance with the values and principles set out in the Constitution and any other written law.

Prohibition of
pornography.

4. A person who —

- (a) sells, lets to hire, distributes, publicly exhibits or in any manner puts into circulation, or for purposes of sale, hire, distribution, public exhibition or circulation, makes, produces or has possession of any obscene book, pamphlet, paper, drawing, writing, painting, art, representation, cinematography films or figure or any other obscene object that tends to corrupt morals or which depicts the image of a person; or
- (b) imports, exports or conveys any obscene object for any of the purposes specified in subsection (1), or knowingly or having reason to believe that such object will be sold, hired out, distributed or publicly exhibited or in any manner put into circulation; or
- (c) stages or participates in a public performance or act which is obscene in nature and in contravention with acceptable norms of public morality; or
- (d) takes part in or receives profits from any business in the course of which the person knows or has reason to believe that the obscene objects are, for any of the purposes specifically in this section, made, produced, purchased, kept, imported, exported, conveyed, publicly exhibited or in any manner put into circulation; or
- (e) advertises or makes known by any means that a person is engaged in or is ready to engage in any act which is an offence under this section, or that any such obscene object can be produced from or through any person; or

- (f) offers or attempts to do any act which is an offence under this section,
commits the offence of pornography and upon conviction is liable to —
 - (a) imprisonment for a term of not less than six years or to a fine of not less than five hundred thousand shillings or to both; and
 - (b) upon subsequent conviction, to imprisonment to a term of not less than seven years without the option of a fine.

Powers of the
police.

5. (1) A police officer may, without a warrant —
- (a) enter and search any premises, vehicle, aircraft or ship which the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe is being used or has been used or involved in the production of pornographic material or in commission of any other offence under this Act.
 - (b) seize any device, equipment or material which the police officer has reason to believe has been used in the production of pornographic material or in the commission of any other offence under this Act.
 - (c) arrest any person whom the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe has committed an offence in this Act.

(2) Upon conviction under subsection (1) (b), that device, equipment or material must be forfeited to and disposed of by the county government.

Protection of
the police.

6. A person who —

- (a) assaults, obstructs, resists, delays, refuses entry or search or fails to take all reasonable measures to ensure the safety of or otherwise interferes with a police officer in the performance of the police officer's duties; or
- (b) fails to comply with any lawful order, requirement or request of a police officer, commits an offence.

General
penalty.

7. A person who contravenes a provision in this Act for which a penalty has not been provided for, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

Regulations.

8. The executive member may make regulations for the proper administration of this Act.