



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
LAW AND JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXIII OF 1976.

THE MAHARASHTRA DOG RACE-COURSES LICENSING ACT, 1976.

(As modified upto the 22nd April, 2013)



PRINTED IN INDIA BY THE MANAGER, GOVERNMENT PRESS AND STATIONERY
STORES, KOLHAPUR AND PUBLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT
PRINTING, STATIONERY AND PUBLICATIONS, MAHARASHTRA STATE,
MUMBAI-400 004.

2013

[Price : Rs. 10-00]

THE MAHARASHTRA DOG RACE-COURSES LICENSING ACT, 1976

C O N T E N T S

PREAMBLE.

SECTIONS.

1. Short title, extent and commencement.
2. Definitions.
3. Prohibition against dog-racing on unlicensed dog race-courses.
4. Licence for dog-racing.
5. Penalty for taking part in dog-race on unlicensed race-course.
6. Penalty for owner, etc. allowing dog-racing in unlicensed place.
7. Penalty for contravening conditions of licence.
8. Cognizance of offences under this Act.
9. Exemption.
10. Rules.
11. Amendment of certain Acts.

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. XXXIII OF 1976.¹

[This Act received the assent of the Governor on the 21st July 1976; assent was first published in the Maharashtra Government Gazette, Extraordinary, Part IV, dated the 29th July 1976.]

An Act to provide for the regulation, control and management of dog racing in the State of Maharashtra and for matters connected therewith.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation, control and management of dog racing in the State of Maharashtra and for matters connected therewith; It is hereby enacted in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976. Short title, extent and commencement.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Maharashtra.
- (3) It shall come into force* on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
2. In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise,— Definitions.
 - (a) "dog-race" means a race in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by dogs ;
 - (b) "race-course" means any ground on which a dog-race can be held ;
 - (c) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to this Act.
3. (1) No dog-race shall be held save on a race-course for which a licence for dog-racing granted in accordance with the provisions of this Act, is in force. Prohibition against dog-racing on unlicensed dog race-courses.
- (2) The terms of such licence shall be published in the Official Gazette.
4. (1) The owner, lessee or occupier of any race-course may apply to the State Government for a licence for dog-racing on such race-course. Licence for dog-racing.
- (2) The State Government may withhold such licence or grant it subject to such conditions and for such period as it may think fit. Such conditions may provide for—
 - (a) the payment of a licence fee ;
 - (b) the amount of stakes which may be allotted for different kinds of dogs ;
 - (c) such other matters, whether directly or indirectly connected with dog-racing, for which, in the opinion of the State Government, it is necessary or expedient to make provision in the licence.

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Maharashtra Government Gazette, 1976, Part V, page 307.

* 1st November 1976, vide G. N., H. D., No. D-1/RAC.2675, dated 30th October 1976 (M.G., Pt. IV-B, p. 1393).

(3) The State Government may by such licence authorize the licensee to grant, subject to such conditions as shall be specified by the State Government in such licence, a permit to any book-maker to carry on his business or vocation or to act as a book-maker or turf commission agent in respect of dog-races held on a dog race-course, being a race-course which is situated in this State or outside it. The permit may be granted for such period not exceeding the period of the licence granted to the licensee as the licensee may think fit.

(4) The State Government may at any time cancel any licence granted under this section in the event of any breach of the conditions subject to which it is granted.

Penalty for taking part in dog-race on unlicensed race-course.

5. Whoever takes part in any dog-race on any race-course for which a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act is not in force shall, on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.

Penalty for owner, etc. allowing dog-racing in unlicensed place.

6. If any dog-race is held on any race-course for which a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act is not in force, any person being the owner, lessee or occupier of such race-course shall, on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Penalty for contravening conditions of licence.

7. (1) If any person to whom a licence has been granted in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act contravenes any of the conditions subject to which such licence is granted, such person shall, on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(2) If any person to whom a permit has been granted by a licensee in pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 4 of this Act, contravenes any of the conditions subject to which such permit is granted he shall, on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

Cognizance of offences under this Act.

8. No Court inferior to that of a Metropolitan Magistrate or of a Magistrate of the First Class shall try any offence punishable under this Act.

Exemption.

9. The State Government may from time to time by general or special order published in the Official Gazette exempt any dog-race from the operation of this Act.

Rules.

10. (1) The State Government may, subject to the condition of previous publication, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made before each House of the State Legislature while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, and notify such decision in the Official Gazette, the rule shall from the date of publication of such notification have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done or omitted to be done under that rule.

Amendment of certain Acts.

11. The Acts mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule shall be amended in the manner and to the extent specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

(See section 11)

Name of Act 1	Amendments 2
1. The *Bombay Prevention of Gambling Act, 1887 (Bom. IV of 1887).	In section 3— (1) for the words "a horse-race" the words "a horse-race or dog-race" shall be substituted ; (2) in clause (b), after the figures "1912," the following shall be inserted, namely :— "or as the case may be, of the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976".
Mah. XXXIII of 1976.	
2. The †Bombay Entertainments Duty Act, 1923 (Bom. I of 1923).	In section 3, in sub-section (1), after the figures "1912.", the following shall be inserted, namely :— "or under the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976,"
Mah. XXXIII of 1976.	
3. The **Bombay Betting Tax Act, 1925 (Bombay VI of 1925).	(1) In section 4,— (i) in clause (i), after the words "horse-race", the words "or dog-race" shall be inserted; (ii) in clause (v), after the figures "1912", the following shall be inserted, namely :— "or of the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976," ; (iii) in clause (vi),— (a) after the figures "1912", the following shall be inserted, namely :— "or of the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976"; (b) after the words "horse-race" the words "or dog-race" shall be inserted;
Mah. XXXIII of 1976.	
Mah. XXXIII of 1976.	

* The short title of this Act was amended as "the Maharashtra Prevention of Gambling Act" by Mah. 24 of 2012, w.e.f. 1-5-1960.

† The short title of this Act was amended as "the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act" *ibid.*

** The short title of this Act was amended as "the Maharashtra Betting Tax Act" by Mah. 24 of 2012, w.e.f. 1-5-1960.

SCHEDULE—Contd.

Name of Act 1	Amendments 2
Mah. XXXIII of 1976.	(iv) in clause (vii), after the figures "1912", the following shall be inserted, namely :— "or, as the case may be, the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976".
	(2) In section 6, after the words "horse-race", the words "or any dog-race" shall be inserted.
Mah. XXXIII of 1976.	(3) In section 8, after the figures "1912", the following shall be inserted, namely :— "or, as the case may be, the Maharashtra Dog Race-courses Licensing Act, 1976".

Maharashtra Government Publications can be obtained from—

★ THE DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT PRINTING, STATIONERY AND PUBLICATIONS
(Publications Branch), Netaji Subhash Road, BOMBAY-4.
Phone-(022) 23632693

★ THE SUPERVISOR

GOVERNMENT BOOK DEPOT
(For Central and State Government Publications)
(Sale on counter only)
Yusuf Building, Second Floor, Room No. 21,
Veer Nariman Road, Hutatma Chowk,
BOMBAY-400 001. Phone-(022) 23632693

★ THE SUPERVISOR

GOVERNMENT BOOK DEPOT
Bhandarkar Institute Marg, Badwe Building,
Lane III, Near P. Y. C. Gymkhana, PUNE-411 004.
Phone-(020) 26125808

★ THE MANAGER

GOVERNMENT PRESS AND BOOK DEPOT
Civil Lines, NAGPUR-440 001.
Phone-(0712) 2562615

★ THE SUPERVISOR

GOVERNMENT BOOK DEPOT
Shaha Ganj, Near Gandhi Chowk, AURANGABAD.
Phone-(0240) 2331525

★ THE MANAGER

GOVERNMENT PRESS AND STATIONERY STORES
Tarabai Park, KOLHAPUR-416 003.
Phone-(0230) 2650395, 2650402

AND THE RECOGNISED BOOK SELLERS