CHAPTER 45

LEPERS ORDINANCE*

To make provisions with respect to the Disease commonly known as Leprosy.

(19th September, 1919)†

Enacted by ORDINANCE XX of 1919, as amended by: Act XV of 1929; Ordinances: XXV of 1939 and XVI of 1942; Acts: XXXIX of 1948 and XI of 1953; Legal Notice 46 of 1965; Act LVIII of 1974; Legal Notice 148 of 1975; Acts VIII of 1990 and V of 2007; and Legal Notice 346 of 2008.

Short title.

1. The short title of this Ordinance is the Lepers Ordinance.

Alien lepers prohibited from landing in Malta. *Amended by: XI. 1953.3; L.N. 46 of 1965 LVIII. 1974.68; L.N. 148 of 1975; VIII. 1990.3; V. 2007.25; L.N. 346 of 2008.*

2. (1) No leper coming from any place outside Malta shall land at any of the ports of Malta.

(2) The provision of subarticle (1) shall not apply to persons born in Malta.

(3) The master or other person in charge of any vessel who suffers or permits or fails to prevent the landing from such vessel at any such port of any person whom he knows or has reasonable grounds to believe to be a leper shall, on conviction, be liable to the punishments established for contraventions.

Measures to be taken in case of landing.

(4) Every leper so landing as aforesaid may by warrant of the President of Malta be committed to a hospital designated therein and there detained for such time as may be fixed in the warrant.

(5) Every leper so landing as aforesaid may be brought before a magistrate of the Courts of Magistrates, who may examine such leper and any other witness on oath, concerning the place from which such leper came to Malta, and may cause such leper to be removed to such place in such manner as the President of Malta may direct.

(6) The reasonable cost of such inquiry and removal shall be borne and paid by the master or other person in charge of the vessel by which such leper was brought to Malta, or by whose act or default such leper was permitted to land.

(7) Such cost shall be recoverable as a civil debt due to the Government by proceedings before the Civil Court, First Hall.

(8) For the purposes of the preceding provisions of this article the decision whether a person is a leper shall rest with the Administrative Review Tribunal established in terms of article 5 of the Administrative Justice Act and the provision of this Act shall apply to such an appeal.

Cap. 490.

*This Ordinance has been repealed by Act XXVI of 2024.
†*See* Proclamation No. XVII of 1919.

Observance of the principles of good administrative behaviour. Cap. 490.

(9) The said board shall respect and apply the principles of good administrative behaviour laid down in article 3 of the Administrative Justice Act.