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**AN ACT to prohibit the sale of beer and spirits in private houses and to provide for related matters.**

**1. Prohibition of sale of beer stout spirits**

(1) Beer, stout, wine or spirit shall not be sold on the premises of a private house.

(2) Despite an enactment to the contrary, a licence granted to a person under the Liquor Licensing Act, 1970 (Act 331) in respect of the sale of beer, stout, wine or spirits on any premises specified in subsection (1) of this section shall cease to have effect.

**2. Distributors not to operate drinking bars**

(1) A person who operates a bar licenced under the Liquor Licensing Act, 1970 (Act 331) shall not engage in the distribution of beer, stout, wine or spirits.

(2) A person engaged in the distribution of beer, stout, wine or spirits shall not use the premises, or a part of the premises of that person as a bar; and a licence granted under the Liquor Licensing Act, 1970 (Act 331) in respect of those premises or a part of those premises for use as a bar shall cease to have effect.

**3. Offences**

A person who contravenes a provision of this Act commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a term of imprisonment of not less than six months or more than five years without the option of fine and in addition the beer, stout, wine or spirits in respect of which the offence was committed shall be forfeited to the State.

**4. Interpretation**

In this Act, the words "bar", "beer", "wine" and "spirits", shall have the meanings assigned respectively to them in the Liquor Licensing Act, 1970 (Act 331).

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1. The Act was issued as the Prohibition of Sale of Beer and Spirits (Private Houses) Decree, 1979 (A.F.R.C.D. 33), made on the 12th day of September, 1979 and notified in the *Gazette* on 21st September, 1979.

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