

The State Peace and Development Council

The National Anthem Law

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Preamble

Since it is provided in section 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that the State Peace and Development Council shall carry out the necessary preparatory works to implement the Constitution, it has become necessary to enact the relevant laws to enable performance of the legislative, administrative and judicial functions of the Union smoothly, to enable performance of works that are to be carried out when the various Hluttaws come into existence and to enable performance of the preparatory works in accord with law.

As such, the State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts this Law in accord with section 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, in order to extol the special characteristics of the Union such as the development of eternal principles namely justice, liberty and equality; perpetuity of the independence and sovereign power obtained by life, blood and sweat of the ancestors; safeguarding the Union by sacrificing life; serving in the interest of the Union unitedly in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Chapter I

Title and Definition

- 1. This Law shall be called **the National Anthem Law**.
- 2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:
 - (a) **Constitution** means the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;
 - (b) **National Anthem** means the following Anthem provided in sub-section (a) of section 439 of the Constitution ;

The National Anthem

Accompanied with justice and freedom; our Nation, our motherland.

To bring peace to all people; the Nation having equal right and pure policy, our Nation, our motherland.

Let us preserve with vow for perpetuity of our heritage of the Union as long as the world exists, we love Myanmar, the true heritage of our ancestors.

We shall safeguard the Union by sacrificing our lives.

This is our Nation, our motherland and our own land.

Let us serve unitedly for the interest of our Nation, our motherland.

That is our duty for the precious land.

Chapter II

Applying the National Anthem

- 3. The National Anthem shall be sung and played musically in accord with the stipulations.

Chapter III

Prohibitions and Penalties

- 4. No one shall carry out any of the followings in respect of the National Anthem:
 - (a) applying the melody and diction of the National Anthem in an undignified manner;
 - (b) destroying, causing to destroy or singing ignobly the whole or any part of the National Anthem;
 - (c) doing intentionally or disrespectfully to affect the glory of the National Anthem;
 - (d) singing the National Anthem by destruction of diction or singing and playing tune and melody of the National Anthem by inserting other diction;
 - (e) recomposing and applying a type of song that is purported as the National Anthem.
- 5. Whoever violates any prohibition contained in section 4 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or with fine not exceeding three lakh kyats or with both.

Chapter IV

Miscellaneous

6. This Law may be amended, inserted or repealed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. This Law shall remain in force in so far as it is not repealed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

7. In implementing the provisions contained in this Law:

- (a) the State Peace and Development Council may issue such rules as may be necessary;
- (b) the relevant Ministry may issue such notifications, orders and directives as may be necessary.

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