

MEGHALAYA ACT 7 OF 1972**The Meghalaya Interpretation and General Clauses Act, 1972**

(As passed by the Assembly)

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THE MEGHALAYA INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ACT, 1972

An

Act

**to provide for the interpretation of Meghalaya enactment
and for shortening the language thereof**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Meghalaya
in the Twenty-third Year of the Republic of India as
follows :—

CHAPTER I**Preliminary**

Short title
and com-
mencement.

1. (1). This Act may be called the Meghalaya
Interpretation and General Clauses Act, 1972.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force
on the 21st day of January, 1972.

Application
of Act.

2. Save as otherwise expressly provided herein,
the provisions of this Act shall apply, unless the con-
text otherwise requires, to this Act and to all other
enactments, whether passed before or after the com-
mencement of this Act.

CHAPTER II

Definitions

Definitions. 3. In all enactments, unless the context otherwise require—

(1) "abet" with its grammatical variations **General Act** and cognate expressions, has the same meaning as in **45 of 1860.** the Indian Penal Code ;

(2) "act" used with reference to an offence or a civil wrong denotes a series of act as well as a single act, and words which refer to acts done extend also to illegal omission ;

(3) "affidavit" means a statement in writing, signed by the person making it and confirmed by oath.

(4) "Assam Act" means an Act made by the Chief Commissioner of Assam in Council under the Indian Councils Acts, 1861 to 1909 or any of those Acts, or under the Government of India Act, 1915 or by the Local Legislature of Assam under the Government of India Act, or by the Provincial Legislature or the Governor of Assam under the Government of India Act, 1935, or by the Legislature of the State of Assam under the Constitution ;

(5) "attested" in relation to a document means attested by a witness who has seen the executant sign the document, or has received from the executant a personal acknowledgement of his signature, and who has signed the document in the presence of the executant, but no particular form of attestation shall be necessary ;

(6) "autonomous State" means the **autono- Central Act** mous State of Meghalaya formed under section 3 of **55 of 1969,** the Assam Re-organisation (Meghalaya) Act, 1969 ;

(7) "Bengal Act" means an Act made by the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal in Council under the Indian Councils Act, 1861, or the Indian Councils