
CHAPTER 46

THE BEACH PROTECTION ACT

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BEACH PROTECTION

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1. This Act may be cited as the Beach Protection Act. **Short title.**
2. In this Act— **Interpretation.**

"authorized officer" means any police officer or other person duly appointed as such by the Director of Public Works by a notification published in the *Gazette* and in one or more newspapers circulating in Antigua and Barbuda;

“building or construction purposes” includes the erecting and improving of, and the adding to, and the repairing of buildings, and the constructing or repairing of any road;

“Director of Public Works” means the person for the time being performing the duties of Director of Public Works of Antigua and Barbuda.

Appointment of authorized officers.

3. The Director of Public Works may, from time to time, appoint authorized officers for and in respect of any parish in Antigua and Barbuda for the purpose of issuing permits under section 4.

Removal of sand, etc., from seashore for certain purposes prohibited.

4. (1) It shall not be lawful for any person to—

(a) dig, take or carry away, or aid or assist in digging, taking or carrying away for building or construction purposes or for the purpose of providing ballast for vessels any sand, stone, shingle or gravel from any beach or seashore in Antigua and Barbuda; or

(b) convey or move for building or construction purposes or for the purpose of providing ballast for vessels any such sand, stone, shingle, or gravel along any public road, except under and in accordance with a written permit from the Director of Public Works or an authorized officer and subject to such terms and conditions as are therein stipulated.

Schedule.

(2) Every such permit shall be in the form in the Schedule and shall only hold good for the period therein mentioned, such period not to exceed one month.

(3) The granting of a permit under this Act shall be in the discretion of the Director of Public Works or an authorized officer, but no such permit shall be granted to any person for any purpose other than building or construction purposes or for the purpose of providing ballast for vessels.

(4) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

5. (1) No sand, stone, shingle or gravel the digging or removal of which has been authorized for building or construction purposes or for the purpose of providing ballast for vessels by a permit as provided in section 4, shall be conveyed or moved along any public road between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning.

Time when sand, etc., may be conveyed on public road.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

6. All fines and penalties imposed under this Act may be recovered in a summary manner before a Magistrate on complaint of any person and one-half thereof shall be paid to the person who shall have given information leading to the conviction of the offender and the other half shall be paid into the Treasury to the credit of the general revenue.

Disposal of penalties.

7. This Act shall not apply to the Island of Barbuda.

Act not to apply to Barbuda.

8. This Act shall be binding on the Crown.

Act binding on Crown.

SCHEDULE

S. 4(2)

Permission is hereby granted to _____ of _____ to dig, take and carry from _____ *sand/*stone/*shingle/*gravel in the quantities hereunder and to convey the same to

Quantity.

This permit shall hold good for a period of _____

**Director of Public Works.*

**Authorized Officer.*

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**Delete where inapplicable.*
