

Internet Services Centres Bill

A BILL To

Prohibit children under 16 from staying in internet services centres from midnight to 8 am.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Internet Services Centres Ordinance.

2. Interpretation

In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Internet services centre" (互聯網服務中心) means premises where access to the internet is provided to the public for business purposes;

"Operator of an internet services centre" (互聯網服務中心經營者) means a person whose name under which the business registration certificate of an internet services centre is held.

PART 2

RESTRICTION ON PATRONAGE

3. Patronage of internet services centre

No children under 16 shall be allowed in an internet services centre from midnight to 8 am.

4. Offences

The operator of an internet services centre who fails to comply with section 3 commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 3 months.

Explanatory memorandum

The principal objective of this Bill is to provide for a restriction on patronage of internet computer services centres, prohibiting children under 16 from remaining in the centres from midnight to 8 am.

2. Part 1 contains preliminary provisions. Clause 2 defines the terms used in this Bill.

3. Part 2 provides for the restriction on patronage of internet computer services centres. Clause 4 provides for the offence in relation to the restriction.