18. No person shall impersonate as enumerator.

Chapter VI
Offences and Penalties

19. Whoever commits any breach of provisions contained in Section 14, 15 and 16 shall, on conviction, be liable for imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or be liable for a fine not exceeding kyats 50,000 or both.

20. Any supervisor or enumerator who commits any breach of the provisions contained in Section 17 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or be liable for a fine not exceeding kyats 50,000 or both.

21. Whoever commits any breach of the provisions contained in Section 18 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or be liable with a fine not exceeding kyats 500,000 or both.

Chapter VII
Miscellaneous

22. Every person who has capacity to assist and resides within Myanmar is responsible to support the census taking process.

23. The Central Census Commission and the Central Census Committee formed by this Law shall devolve duties and powers of the Central Census Commission and the Central Census Committee to sub-national administrative levels.

24. The members of Central Census Commission, the members of Central Census Committee, the members of different levels of Census
Committees, supervisors, enumerators and any person who is assigned duties in the census taking process are designated as public servants in their terms of service.

25. The Government may call up on any office staff to support in taking census,

26. In implementing the provisions of this Law:

(a) The Ministry may issue rules, regulations and bye-laws with the approval of the Union Government as may be necessary

(b) The Ministry and the Central Census Commission may issue notifications, orders, directives and procedures with the approval of the Union Government, as may be necessary.

27. The Union of Myanmar Census Law, 1972 is here by repealed.

I hereby sign under the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ TheinSein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Chapter V
Prohibitions

14. No person shall examine or copy and keep any documents and books in respect of information and data collected from the census except the responsible person to take census.

15. The information collected for the Census under this Law shall not be used for any other administrative purposes at individual level except for those matters related to the Census.

16. No person shall:

(a) disturb or prohibit entering, within specified census period, into the building and making the required marks in buildings for census taking process by the respective responsible body, supervisors and enumerators under Sub-section (a) of Section 12;

(b) deny to complete, or knowingly provide incorrect information , or incorrectly complete  the designated questionnaire as stipulated  under Sub-section (b) of Section 12;

(c) insist or threaten or tempt the respondent  to provide incorrect information for purposes of the census.

17. No supervisor or enumerator shall:

(a) deny or omit to carry out assigned duty in respect of taking census without credible grounds;

(b) ask questions that are not included  in the designated questionnaire in taking census;

(c) reveal the information and data of any person collected in taking census.
13. The Central Census Commission may, in appointing supervisors and enumerators in order to take census, appoint as supervisors and enumerators after coordinating with the following persons from respective departments and organizations:

(a) the responsible person of battalion and military unit headquarters, Myanmar Police Force, prison, hospital, factories and workshops;

(b) the responsible person of social, religious and educational institutions;

(c) the responsible person or manager of hotel, motel, guesthouse, loading house, corporate estate, corporate building, boarding-house, association building;

(d) the responsible person or manager of economic enterprises.

8. The functions and duties of Central Census Commission are as follows:

(a) leading in accordance with the policy of Government to accomplish the whole process of census including preparation to take census, enumerating, analyzing, compiling and publishing the results;

(b) confirming the detailed arrangements and instructions submitted by the responsible organizations for taking census;

(c) coordinating with the relevant Ministries in respect of census-taking process;

(d) forming Central Census Committee, Region or State, Union territory, Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone, District, Township, Ward or Village-tract Census Committees and specifying their functions and duties;

(e) fulfilling the requirements for accomplishment of census taking process.

9. The powers of Central Census Commission are as follows:

(a) assigning any office, department, organization and agency to carry out the census taking processes;

(b) educating, organizing and mobilizing the public in respect of census taking process;
Chapter IV
Taking Census

10. The Minister shall appoint the Director General of Population Department as in charge of census for supervising the census taking processes.

11. The Officer in charge of census shall:

(a) publish as soon as possible facts obtained from census;

(b) supervise receiving of questionnaires, compiling of schedules, storage of data and printing of reports;

(c) protect not to reveal individual or confidential information of any person in reports compiled under Sub-section(b).

12. In carrying out census taking process:

(b) take the most appropriate method after considering means to be taken for difficult areas to take census.

4. In taking census, the Government shall take into consideration the United Nations Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses in order to ensure that the census is conducted in accordance with the international guidelines and standards.

Chapter III
Formation of Central Census Commission; Its Duties and Powers

5. The Government shall form the Central Census Commission for carrying out the census taking process under section 3.

6. A Vice-President assigned by the President is the Patron of the Central Census Commission.

7. The Government shall form the Central Census Commission comprising the following persons:

(a) Union Minister
   Ministry of Immigration and Population
   chairman

(b) Union Ministers from relevant Ministries related to census-taking process
   two vice - chairmen

(c) Deputy Ministers from Ministries related to Census-taking process
   members

(d) Deputy Minister
   Ministry of Immigration and Population
   secretary
(d) “Head of household” means a person who takes responsibility of the household for the purpose of this Law.

(e) “Enumerator” means a person who goes door-to-door within specified enumeration boundary and completes the relevant forms and questionnaires; or a person who distributes in advance forms and instructions for completing the forms to every household, and a person who collects such forms after they have been completed by the head of household or responsible members of household in taking census.

(f) “Supervisor” means a person who supervises the enumerators within a specified area in taking census.

(g) “Ministry” means the Union Government of Ministry of Immigration and Population.

(h) “Minister” means the Union Minister of Ministry of Immigration and Population.

(i) “Responsible Organization” means the Population Department in the Ministry of Immigration and Population.

Chapter II
Right of Taking Census

3. The Government may:

(a) take census in the whole or part of Myanmar;
The Population and Housing Census Law
(The PyidaungsuHluttaw Law No. 19, 2013)
The 7th Waning Waso, 1375 M.E
(29th July, 2013)

Preamble

The PyidaungsuHluttaw hereby enacts this Law for enabling the State to obtain accurately lists of State population, animals, buildings, materials, enterprises and facts of statistics and for enabling effective utilization of data and information obtained through censuses for State socio-economic development; and ensuring that such censuses are conducted in accordance with international guidelines and standards.

Chapter 1
Title and Definitions

1. This Law shall be cited as the Population and Housing Census Law.
2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings as follows:
   (a) “Government” means the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
   (b) “Census” includes lists of persons, animals, buildings, materials, enterprises and facts of statistics.
   (c) “Building” includes human residence, animal shelter, store or workplace.

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