

The State Law and Order Restoration Council
The Law Restricting the Use of Military Designation and Rank
(The State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 26/89)

The 14th Waning Day of *Tawthalin*, 1351 M.E.

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The State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby enacts the following
 Law:—

Chapter I
Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called the Law Restricting the Use of Military Designation and Rank.
2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:—
 - (a) **Military Designation** means the designation prescribed and used for the Defence Services (Army, Navy, Air);
 - (b) **Military Rank** means the rank prescribed and used for the Defence Services (Army, Navy, Air);
 - (c) **Retired Defence Services Personnel** means a person who has obtained the right to enjoy pension or disability pension under the Defence Services Pension and Gratuity Regulations. This expression also includes a person who expired during military service and a person who expired after retirement.

Chapter II
Use of Military Rank

3. A retired Defence Services personnel:—
 - (a) shall use the latest military rank attained during military service before his name and the expression "retired" within open bracket and close bracket after his name;
 - (b) shall, if he has been awarded a Defence Services title for valour, use such title after the military rank and before his name;

- (c) shall not use the expression "U" in using his name under the above sub-section (a) and sub-section (b).

Chapter III Prohibition

4. Of the military personnel who have served in the Defence Services (Army, Navy, Air), the following persons shall not use the military rank and the expression "retired" against their names:-

- (a) a person who has been removed from military service;
- (b) a person who has been dismissed from military service;
- (c) a person who has been cashiered;
- (d) a person who has received only military service gratuity.

5. A retired Defence Services personnel who, on conviction by the relevant court for any offence prescribed from time to time by the Ministry of Defence for this purpose is sentenced to imprisonment, shall not be entitled to enjoy the rights contained in section 3.

6. No one shall use the military designation which he held during military service against his name.

Chapter IV Punishment

7. Whoever is convicted for contravening any provision of section 4, section 5 and section 6 shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years or with fine which may extend to kyats five thousand or with both.

Chapter V Miscellaneous

8. The provisions of this Law shall not apply to the use by a retired Defence Services personnel who has been conferred with Titles and Medals of Honour or *Naing-ngant Gon-yi* Title or who has been recognised as a member of the Independence *Mawgunn* of the name of the said title or Independence *Mawgun*

Grade in conjunction with his name in accordance with the relevant regulations and bye-laws.

9. If it is necessary to take action under his Law, prosecution shall be launched only with the prior sanction of the Ministry of Defence.

10. In order to carry out the provisions of this Law, the Ministry of Defence may issue orders, directives, regulations and bye-laws.

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