

**Information Technology Act, 2000**

**Section 73 - Penalty for Publishing Electronic Signature Certificate False in Certain Particulars**

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(1) No person shall publish a <sup>1</sup>[Electronic] Signature Certificate or otherwise make it available to any other person with the knowledge that

- (a) the Certifying Authority listed in the certificate has not issued it; or
- (b) the subscriber listed in the certificate has not accepted it; or
- (c) the certificate has been revoked or suspended,

unless such publication is for the purpose of verifying a <sup>1</sup>[Electronic] signature created prior to such suspension or revocation.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees, or with both.

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1. Substituted vide Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008. Previous text was digital

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