

## POLICE.

9° GEO. VI., No. V.

No. 5 of 1945.

AN ACT to provide in the Police Act, 1892-1940, a penalty for the unauthorised use of the word "detective," and a penalty for giving false information of an alleged offence.

[Assented to 27th November, 1945.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Police Act Amendment Act, 1945*, and shall be read as one with the Police Act, 1892-1940 (55 Vict. No. 27 as amended by the Acts 56 Vict. No. 10, 58 Vict. No. 26, 62 Vict. No. 21, 2 Edwd. VII. No. 31, No. 10 of 1907, No. 13 of 1915, No. 11 of 1928, No. 19 of 1933, and No. 19 of 1940), hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Short title.  
No. 19 of  
1940, s. 4.

2. A section is inserted in the principal Act after section sixteen, as follows:—

New section.

16A. Any person, not being either a member of the Police Force of this State or a member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of any other State of the Commonwealth temporarily residing in this State, who uses in any manner whatsoever the word "detective" as descriptive of the nature of his business, vocation, calling, or means of livelihood with a view to soliciting, procuring or obtaining the engagement or employment by other persons of his services as an inquiry agent or investigator in respect of matters in relation to which such other persons require information or evidence shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty for  
unauthorised  
use of the  
word  
"detective."

Penalty—Fifty pounds.

New section.

3. A section is inserted in the principal Act after section ninety, as follows:—

False reports  
to Police.  
S.A. No. 2280,  
s. 118.  
N.Z. 1935,  
No. 29, s. 4.

90A. (1) Any person who falsely and with knowledge of the falsity of his statements represents to any member of the Police Force that any act has been done or that any circumstances have occurred, which act or circumstances as so represented are such as reasonably call for investigation by the police shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty—Fifty pounds, or imprisonment for three months.

(2) In addition to or without imposing a fine or imprisonment on any person convicted under this section the Court may order that such person pay to the complainant a reasonable sum for the expenses of or incidental to any investigation made by any member of the Police Force as a result of the false statement.

(3) Any amount received by the complainant under subsection (2) of this section shall be paid by him to the Treasury as public moneys of the State.

Citation of  
principal Act  
as amended.

4. The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Police Act, 1892-1945.