

SCIENTOLOGY.

No. 63 of 1968.

AN ACT to proscribe the activities of the body known as the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International and of every associated body and for incidental and other purposes.

[Assented to 13th November, 1968.]

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Scientology Act, 1968*.

2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears,—

Interpreta-
tion.

“galvanometer” includes an electrometer, E. meter and every other instrument that detects or measures, or that is represented as being capable of detecting or measuring, any emotional reaction of a person;

“practice”, in relation to scientology, includes the application and teaching of, and the carrying on of business in connection with, scientology and the verb, “to practise”, has a corresponding meaning;

“scientology” means the dogma relating to, and the system or purported system of, the study of knowledge, the human mind and human behaviour proponed or advocated in the writings or utterances of one, Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, and disseminated by the Hubbard Association of Scientologists International, a company incorporated in the State of Arizona, in the United States of America, or by any agency, subsidiary or successor (whether incorporated or not) of that company; and the term includes any dogma, system or purported system associated with, or derived from, any so disseminated and, also, the so-called science of dianetics;

“scientological record” means any document, file or register, and any gramophone record, wire, tape or other thing by which words or sounds are recorded and from which they are capable of being reproduced, relating to the practice of scientology on, by, or in relation to, any particular person.

3. (1) A person shall not practise scientology.

Practice of
scientology
prohibited.

(2) A person shall not, directly or indirectly, demand or receive any fee, reward or benefit of any kind, from any person, for, on account of, or in relation to, the practice of scientology.

Penalty: For a first offence, two hundred dollars and, for a subsequent offence, five hundred dollars or imprisonment for one year or both.

Use of galvanometers restricted.

4. (1) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this section, a person shall not use a galvanometer on, or apply a galvanometer to, another person.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to a legally qualified medical practitioner or to a student required to use or apply a galvanometer pursuant to his studies at a university or an institute of technology and do not apply to a person exempted by Order in Council made pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The Governor may, by Order in Council, declare that this section does not apply to any person, or class of person, named in the Order and may, by subsequent Order in Council, vary or revoke any declaration so made.

Scientological records to be delivered up.

5. (1) Every person who has in his possession any scientological record shall, forthwith after the coming into operation of this Act or after the record comes into his possession, as the case may be, deliver it up to the Commissioner of Police.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

(2) Where a justice is satisfied that there is reasonable cause for suspecting that a person has any scientological record in his possession or in any premises, he may, by warrant under his hand, authorise a member of the Police Force to search that person or to enter and search those premises and to seize and deliver up to the Commissioner of Police any such record as he may find.

(3) A warrant issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section authorises a member of the Police Force to enter any premises specified in the warrant, at any time of the day or night and with such assistants as may be necessary, and, if necessary, to use force by breaking open doors or otherwise and is deemed to authorise the member

of the Police Force to play any recording medium by means of any device that he may have with him or find upon the premises.

(4) A person who hinders, obstructs or delays a member of the Police Force in the execution of a warrant issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section commits an offence.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

(5) The Commissioner of Police may cause any scientological records delivered up to him pursuant to this section to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of, as he thinks fit.

6. Where an officer, servant or agent of a company causes, directs or authorises the doing of anything contrary to this Act, both the officer, servant or agent and the company are guilty of an offence.

Offences by
companies
and officers.
