
BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

No. 31 of 1924.

An Act to afford Protection to the Boy Scouts' Association.

[Assented to 26th September, 1924.]

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts' Association (in this Act referred to as "the Association") was duly incorporated in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland by Royal Charter, granted on the fourth day of January One thousand nine hundred and twelve : Preamble.

And whereas the Association has power under the said Charter to form Local Branches and Committees in all parts of His Majesty's Dominions, and to apply for and exercise any powers obtained under any Supplementary Charter or Act of Parliament, Imperial or Colonial, and whether Federal or Provincial which may be deemed expedient for any of the purposes of the Association :

And whereas for providing and maintaining an efficient organization for promoting the objects of the Association, Local Branches have been formed under the power aforesaid for the

Commonwealth under the name of "The Australian Federal Council of the Boy Scouts' Association" and for the several States of the Commonwealth, in New South Wales by the name of the Australian Boy Scouts' Association, New South Wales Section, and in the other States by the name of the Boy Scouts' Association, Victorian Section (or as the case may be) :

And whereas it is expedient to protect the Association and the Local Branches thereof in the Commonwealth :

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the *Boy Scouts' Association Act* 1924.

Unauthorized use of name. 2. Any person who without authority uses the name "The Boy Scouts' Association" or the name of any Local Branch of the Association or any name implying that any other Society or body is the Association or a Branch of the Association shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Five pounds.

Registration of uniforms. 3. The Association or any Branch of the Association formed within the Commonwealth may, with the approval of the Attorney-General, apply to the Registrar of Designs for the registration under the *Designs Act* 1906-1912 of any uniform, emblem, badge, decoration, descriptive or designating mark or title used either before or after the commencement of this Act by the Association or any Branch of the Association for carrying out the purposes of the Association :

Provided that this section shall not authorize the use or registration of any uniform, emblem, badge, decoration, descriptive or designating mark or title which is similar to, or a colourable imitation of, any uniform, emblem, badge, decoration, descriptive or designating mark or title used by the Department of Defence.

Unauthorized user of uniform. 4. Any person who, except with the authority of the Association or the Local Branch for the area in which the use takes place (proof whereof shall lie upon him), makes use of any uniform, emblem, badge, decoration, descriptive or designating mark or title of the Association or a Local Branch registered in pursuance of the last preceding section in such manner as to suggest that the user is authorized by the Association or such Local Branch or is connected with the operations thereof, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Five pounds.

No prosecution without consent of Attorney-General. 5. No prosecution shall be instituted under this Act except with the consent of the Attorney-General.

Act not to apply to Life-saving Scouts of Salvation Army. 6. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to apply to the Life-saving Scouts of the Salvation Army as at present constituted.