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No. 22 of 1958.

An Act to amend the Police Offences Act, 1953-1957.

[Assented to 30th October, 1958.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1958". Short titles.

(2) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1957, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Police Offences Act, 1953-1958".

(3) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1957, is hereinafter called "the principal Act".

2. This Act is incorporated in the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.

3. Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed.

Repeal of
s. 14 of
principal Act—
Consorting
with
aboriginals
and half-
castes.

4. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 62 thereof:—

Enactment of
s. 62a of the
principal Act—

62a. (1) If—

(a) any person does any act with the intention of creating a belief that a felony or misdemeanour has been committed or that life has or may have been lost or is endangered; and

Creating
false belief
as to events
calling for
police action.

(b) at the time of doing the act firstmentioned, he knows that the act or circumstances with respect to which he intends to create such belief has not or have not occurred,

he shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty—One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.

In this subsection "belief" includes suspicion.

(2) Upon convicting a person for an offence against this section, a Court may order him to pay to the complainant a reasonable sum for the expenses of or incidental to any investigation made by a member of the police force as a result of the offence.

(3) Any amount received by the complainant under this section shall be paid by him to the Treasurer in aid of the general revenue of the State.

Amendment of
s. 69 of
Principal Act—
Power to
board vessels.

5. Section 69 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by striking out the words "in charge of a police station or holding a rank not lower than sergeant," in the first and second lines; and
- (b) by striking out the words "with such constables as he thinks necessary" in the third and fourth lines.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.