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**No. 145 of 1972**

An Act to amend the Police Offences Act, 1953,  
as amended.

[Assented to 7th December, 1972]

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 (No. 3), 1972". Short titles.

(2) The Police Offences Act, 1953, as amended by this Act and by all other amendments amending the same prior to the commencement of this Act, may be cited as the "Police Offences Act, 1953-1972".

(3) The Police Offences Act, 1953, as amended by this Act and by all other amendments amending the same prior to the commencement of this Act, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation. Commencement.

3. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act immediately after section 18 thereof:— Enactment of s. 18a of principal Act—

18a. (1) A person who loiters on any land, comprised in a precious stones claim as defined in the Mining Act, 1971, at any time during the prohibited hours, and who upon request by a member of the police force does not give a satisfactory reason for so loitering shall be guilty of an offence. Loitering on opal claims.

Penalty: Five hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

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(2) In subsection (1) of this section "the prohibited hours" means any time between the time of sunset on any day and the time of sunrise on the next following day.

(3) In proceedings in respect of an offence that is a contravention of subsection (1) of this section an allegation in the complaint that the land in respect of which it is alleged that the offence was committed was a precious stones claim within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1971, shall, in the absence of proof by the defendant to the contrary, be deemed to be proved.

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

M. L. OLIPHANT, Governor