

CHAPTER 68

THE BOY SCOUTS ACT

[PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION]

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An Act to further and protect the activities and interests of the Boy Scouts Association.

[5th July, 1935]

Ord. No.
21 of 1935

- Short title **1.** This Act may be cited as the Boy Scouts Act.
- Interpretation **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-
“Association” means the Boy Scouts Association incorporated under the Royal Charter granted on the fourth day of January, 1912;
“Boy Scout” means a Warranted Officer, Rover Scout, Boy Scout or Wolf Cub recognised as such under the Rules of the Association and includes all officers of the Association;
“Commissioner” means the person holding or acting in the office of Chief Commissioner of Boy Scouts; and
“Rules of the Association” means the rules relating to the Association contained in the book entitled “Policy, Organisation and Rules”, as amended, and subject to any variations sanctioned in due form in accordance with the Rules of the Association to meet local conditions.
- Restriction on use of uniform of Association **3.** It shall be unlawful for any person, not being under the Rules of the Association duly authorised and entitled to do so, publicly wear, carry or bear any uniform, badge, token or emblem which under the Rules of the Association are specifically adopted for use under the Rules of the Association or which could reasonably be held to be an imitation of the same in such style or manner as to convey an impression that such person is under those Rules of the Association entitled to wear, carry or bear such uniform, badge, token or emblem.

Restriction on sale of badges

4. A person shall not sell or offer for sale, any article bearing a badge, token or emblem specifically adopted for use under the authority of the Association, or which could reasonably be held to be an imitation of the same, unless that person has obtained authority from the Commissioner in writing to do so.

Boy Scout not to pass as police officer

5.-(1) It shall be unlawful for any Boy Scout, not being otherwise lawfully entitled and authorised, to pretend to be, or to pass off as, or to arrogate to himself the authority, position or powers of, or to claim to be or to act as-

- (a) a member of the Police Force;
- (b) an officer exercising police functions in the service of any local authority; or
- (c) an agent or officer of the Government or any local authority or tribunal.

(2) A Boy Scout shall not seek or attempt, by virtue of wearing any uniform, badge, token or emblem of the Association or any uniform, badge, token or emblem purporting or appearing to be of the Association to enforce or exercise authority otherwise than in accordance with and as authorised by, the Rules of the Association.

Restriction to claim connection with Association without authority

6. It shall be unlawful for any person to form, organise, or work in connection with, or be concerned in forming, organising, or working in connection with, any corps or body of persons who without due authority granted in accordance with the Rules of the Association, claim or purport to be Boy Scouts or otherwise to be connected with the Association or who hold themselves out, or pass off as, Boy Scouts or as otherwise connected with the Association:

Provided that, person shall not be liable to conviction under this section who, being engaged at the date of the commencement of this Act in work in connection with a corps or body of persons claiming or purporting to be Boy Scouts, applies within three months of such date to the Commissioner for authority under the Rules of the Association to continue

in such work, and the Commissioner has agreed to issue such authority and has informed the applicant accordingly.

Penalties

7. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of two hundred shillings or to imprisonment for a term of one month or to both.

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