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BEACH PROTECTION ACT

An Act to prohibit the unauthorised removal of sand, stone, shingle and gravel from the seashore.

[Act No. 67 of 1979.]

[*24th August, 1979.*]

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Beach Protection Act.

2. Removal of sand, etc., prohibited

If any person digs or takes and carries away any sand, stone, shingle or gravel from the seashore, he or she is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

3. Person using vehicle to be disqualified from driving

If any person uses a motor vehicle in furtherance of the commission of an offence under section 2 the court shall, in addition to any other penalty, order him or her to be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for twelve months. The provisions of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 201, apply in all respects as if the disqualification were an order of the court made pursuant to section 59 of that Act.

4. Power to arrest

A police officer may, without warrant, arrest a person whom he or she finds committing an offence under section 2.

5. Award to informant

Whenever a person has been convicted of a contravention of section 2 the court may award, to any person (not being a public officer) through whose instrumentality the conviction has been obtained, a portion not exceeding one half of the fine imposed by the court.

6. Power of Minister to exempt by Order

(1) Notwithstanding section 2 the Minister may, by Order, exempt any specified person or part of the seashore from the application of section 2.

(2) An Order made under subsection (1) shall specify the name and address of the person, and identify the part of the seashore, to which it relates, and may include such reasonable conditions as the Minister may deem fit to impose.