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1918, No. 3.

AN ACT to prohibit the Improper Use or Disposal of Military Decorations and other Insignia. Title.
[10th December, 1918.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Military Decorations and Distinctive Badges Act, 1918. Short Title.

2. In this Act "military decoration" means the insignia of any order granted by His Majesty, and any medal, clasp, good-conduct badge, or decoration issued or purporting or reputed to be issued by a competent military or naval authority whether in New Zealand or elsewhere within His Majesty's dominions. "Military decoration" defined.

3. (1.) Save in pursuance of the written permission of the Minister of Defence or by way of testamentary disposition, it shall not be lawful for any person to sell, exchange, pawn, pledge, give away, or otherwise alienate or dispose of any military decoration, or to purchase or accept by way of exchange, pawn, pledge, or other alienation or disposition any military decoration. Offences.

(2.) Every person who commits an offence against this section shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds. Penalties.

(3.) If any person convicted of an offence against this section is a pawnbroker licensed under the Pawnbrokers Act, 1908, or a second-hand dealer licensed under the Second-hand Dealers Act, 1908, the

convicting Court may further declare the license of such person to be void, and no license as a pawnbroker or second-hand dealer shall thereafter be granted to the person so convicted for the period of two years from the date of the conviction.

Governor-General may define and assign distinctive badges to be worn only by members of specially authorized societies.

4. (1.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council gazetted, define a badge or badges and assign the same to be worn as a distinctive mark or marks only by the members of a society incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908, of which the membership (other than honorary membership) is limited to persons or classes of persons who have served in His Majesty's Forces during a period when His Majesty is or was at war, or who have rendered public service, whether civil or military, during such a period.

Offence of wearing distinctive badge without authority.

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any person other than a member of the incorporated society to which a badge is assigned under the foregoing provisions of this section to wear such badge or any colourable imitation thereof, or to pretend in any manner to be entitled to wear such badge.

Recognition of Boy Scouts' Association.

5. (1.) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council gazetted,—

(a.) Declare the conditions of membership in New Zealand of the Boy Scouts' Association established by Royal Charter; and

(b.) Define the uniforms of the officers and members of that association, and the badges that may be worn by such officers and members.

Offence of unlawfully wearing uniform or badge of Boy Scouts' Association.

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any person who is not an officer or member of the said Boy Scouts' Association within the conditions declared as aforesaid to wear any uniform or badge defined as provided by this section, or any colourable imitation of such uniform or badge, or to pretend in any manner to be entitled to wear such uniform or badge.

Penalties.

6. Every person who commits an offence against either of the two last preceding sections is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, or to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.