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An Act to prevent the unauthorized printing of certain documents and forms and for other purposes

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Unauthorized Documents Act*.

2 Definitions

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

court means any court of justice in the Territory.

3 Sending or delivering false process

(1) Every person who sends or delivers to or serves on or causes to be sent or delivered to or served on any other person any paper or writing which is not an original or a copy of a document published or issued out of or by or under the authority or with the sanction of any tribunal, but which is likely or intended to convey to such other person the impression that such paper or writing is an original or a copy of a document published or issued out of or by or under the authority or with the sanction of any tribunal shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) Every person who prints, publishes or sells or offers or exhibits for sale or causes to be printed, published or sold or offered or exhibited for sale any paper or writing which is not an original or a copy of a document published or issued as aforesaid, but which is likely or intended to convey to any person whomsoever the impression that such paper or writing is such an original or copy shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable to a maximum penalty of 3 penalty units.

(4) In any proceedings under this section if any person is named on any such paper or writing in such a way as to imply that he is the printer, publisher, seller or sender of the same such person shall prima facie be deemed to be the person who printed, published, sold or sent such paper or writing.

(5) In this section, unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter:

document includes any notice, claim, demand or process and any document relating to any extra-judicial remedy and whether in existence or not.

tribunal includes any court, Judge or justice of the peace whether in or out of the Territory.

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended
app = appendix
bl = by-law
ch = Chapter
cl = clause
div = Division
exp = expires/expired
f = forms
Gaz* = *Gazette
hdg = heading
ins = inserted
lt = long title
nc = not commenced
od = order
om = omitted
pt = Part
r = regulation/rule
rem = remainder
renum = renumbered
rep = repealed
s = section
sch = Schedule
sdiv = Subdivision
SL = Subordinate Legislation
sub = substituted

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

***Unauthorized Documents Ordinance 1969* (Act No. 35, 1969)**
Assent date 30 September 1969
Commenced 30 September 1969

***Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1973* (Act No. 87, 1973)**
Assent date 11 December 1973
Commenced 11 December 1973 (s 12(2))

Amending Legislation

***Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1974* (Act No. 34, 1974)**
Assent date 26 August 1974
Commenced 11 December 1973 (s 3(2))

***Ordinances Revision Ordinance (No. 2) 1974* (Act No. 69, 1974)**
Assent date 24 October 1974
Commenced 11 December 1973 (s 3)

***Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1976* (Act No. 27, 1976)**
Assent date 28 June 1976
Commenced ss 1, 2 and 6: 28 June 1976 (s 6(2));
ss 3 and 4: 11 December 1973; s 5: 24 October 1974

***Penalties Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2013* (Act No. 23, 2013)**
Assent date 12 July 2013
Commenced 28 August 2013 (*Gaz* G35, 28 August 2013, p 2)

***Local Court (Related Amendments) Act 2016* (Act No. 8, 2016)**
Assent date 6 April 2016
Commenced 1 May 2016 (s 2, s 2 *Local Court (Repeals and Related Amendments) Act 2016* (Act No. 9, 2016) and *Gaz* S34, 29 April 2016)

3 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

s 3 amd No. 87, 1973, s 5; No. 23, 2013, s 8; No. 8, 2016, s 45