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**BARBADOS****YOUNG PERSONS PROTECTION
1918-3**

An Act to prevent the removal of young persons from this Island for forced labour in foreign countries.

[Commencement: 17th May, 1918]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Young Persons Protection Act.

Interpretation

2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression—

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Welfare;

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“senior police officer” means the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner or any Assistant Commissioner, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Police;

“prohibited place” means any country or place declared by the Minister, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, to be a prohibited place for the purposes of this Act;

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“young person” means a Commonwealth citizen whose age does not exceed sixteen years.

Young person, unaccompanied by parent or guardian, not to leave Island for prohibited place without permission of Minister

3.(1) No young person who is not accompanied by at least one of his parents or his legal guardian shall, without the permission of the Minister, leave this Island for the purpose of going or being taken to any prohibited place.

(2) Any young person attempting to contravene this enactment may be arrested without warrant by any constable and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of forty-eight dollars or to be detained in a Reformatory and Industrial School for five years.

Taking young person to prohibited place without permission of Minister, an offence

4.(1) Any person who takes away or induces to accompany him from this Island any young person, or who attempts to do so, for the purpose of such young person being taken or going to a prohibited place, shall, unless the permission of the Minister has been obtained, be guilty of an offence against this Act and may be arrested without warrant by any constable.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a parent or legal guardian of the young person.

Parent or guardian not to consent to young person going to prohibited place

5.(1) Any parent or guardian or person having charge or custody of a young person who consents to such young person leaving the Island for the purpose of being taken or going to a prohibited place shall, unless the permission of the Minister has been obtained, be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a parent or legal guardian accompanying the young person on his departure from this Island.

Parent or guardian about to take young person to prohibited place may be stopped

6.(1) Where a senior police officer has reason to suspect that a parent or legal guardian of a young person is about to leave the Island with such young person for the purpose of taking him to a prohibited place and that it is not for the benefit of the young person to be so taken, he shall give notice to such parent or guardian that the young person is not to be taken out of the Island without the permission of the Minister.

(2) Thereupon, any such parent or guardian who takes the young person out of the Island without such permission shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalty

7. Any person guilty of an offence against this Act, except an offence against subsection (2) of section 3, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of four hundred and eighty dollars or to be imprisoned for twelve months.