

## CHAPTER 281.

## CHILDREN (EMIGRATION).

*Ordinance  
No. 2 of 1918.*

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE EMIGRATION OF CHILDREN  
FROM THE COLONY.

[15th April, 1918.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Children  
(Emigration) Ordinance.

Interpreta-  
tion.

2. In this Ordinance—

“ Child ” means a person under the age of sixteen  
years, but does not include a child who is not a  
British subject;

“ Legal Guardian ” means a person appointed, accord-  
ing to law, to be the guardian of a child by deed  
or will, or by order of a Court of competent juris-  
diction.

Application of  
Ordinance.

3. The Governor in Executive Council may, by pro-  
clamation, direct that this Ordinance shall apply to any  
country out of His Majesty's dominions, and may revoke  
or alter any such proclamation.

Restriction on  
removal of  
children from  
Colony.

4. No child shall be allowed to leave the Colony for the  
purpose of proceeding to any country to which this Ord-  
inance applies unless such child is accompanied by a parent  
or by his legal guardian, or unless his parent, legal  
guardian, or the person who has for the time being the  
charge of or control over the child has obtained the written  
permission of the Governor.

Grant of per-  
mission.

5. Permission to leave the Colony shall not be granted  
unless the Governor is satisfied that such permission will  
be for the benefit of the child, and that the child will be  
under proper care and custody in the country to which it  
is proceeding.

6. Where a commissioned officer of the Constabulary Force or a Harbour Master has reason to suspect that a parent or legal guardian of a child is about to leave the Colony with such child for the purpose of taking the child to a country to which this Ordinance applies, and that it is not for the benefit of the child to be so taken, he shall give notice to such parent or guardian, either verbally or in writing, that the child is not to be taken out of the Colony without the written permission of the Governor, and thereupon, if such parent or guardian takes the child out of the Colony without such permission, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Power of  
commissioned  
officer of Con-  
stabulary and  
Harbour  
Master.

7. (1) If a parent or legal guardian, or other person who has for the time being the charge of or control over a child, permits such child to leave the Colony in contravention of this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Offences.

(2) If any person causes or attempts to cause a child to leave the Colony in contravention of this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(3) If any person aids, abets, counsels, or procures the commission of an offence against this Ordinance, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

8. Any person guilty of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate or Justice, to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding six months, or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

Penalties.

9. The Governor in Executive Council may make regulations for more effectually carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

Power to  
make regula-  
tions.

10. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall affect the operation of the Foreign Labour Contracts Ordinance, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be in addition to, and not in any way in substitution for, or modification of, the provisions of such last mentioned Ordinance.

Foreign  
Labour  
Contract  
Ordinance.  
Cap. 155.