

JUVENILE MIGRANTS ACT.

Act No. 8, 1926.

George V. An Act to provide for the care and well-being of
No. 8. juvenile assisted migrants; to repeal the
Juvenile Migrants Apprenticeship Act, 1923;
and for purposes connected therewith.
[Assented to, 17th March, 1926.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-
lative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South
Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:—

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Juvenile Migrants
Act, 1926."

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2. (1) The Juvenile Migrants Apprenticeship Act, **George V, No. 8.** 1923, is hereby repealed.

(2) The repeal effected by the last preceding sub-section shall not affect the future operation of that Act in respect of any juvenile who, prior to the commencement of this Act, signed the statement referred to in section three of that Act. Repeal of Act 1923 No. 52. Savings.

(3) Nothing in this section shall limit or abridge any saving contained in the Interpretation Act, 1897.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise Definitions. requires,—

“Employer” means a person with whom a juvenile is placed for employment under this Act.

“Employment” means rural or domestic employment.

“Juvenile” means a minor who comes to New South Wales with the assistance of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia or of the State, and who is over the age of fourteen years and under the age of eighteen years at the date of arrival in the State.

“Minister” means Minister for Labour and Industry.

4. With respect to any juvenile who, either before Powers of th or after coming to the State, signs a statement in or to Minister. the effect of the form in the Schedule to this Act the Minister—

(a) may appoint Government training farms for the reception, control, and training of juveniles for rural employment, and may make such provisions as he deems necessary for their control, maintenance, training, and employment in such institutions or in connection therewith;

(b) shall have the care and control of the person of the juvenile before he is placed for training or employment under this Act, and at any time when he ceases to be so placed;

(c) may place the juvenile for training and employment in a Government training farm;

(d)

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(d) may place the juvenile for employment with an employer by finding a fit and proper person to employ the juvenile, and shall have the supervision of the juvenile while so placed.

Recovery of
wages.

5. (1) The wages or earnings due by any person to a juvenile may be sued for and recovered by the juvenile or in the name of the Minister by some person authorised by him.

(2) An authority purporting to be signed by the Minister shall be admitted as evidence without proof of the signature.

Notice of
death,
injury,
illness, or
leaving
employment.

6. If a juvenile placed for employment with an employer under this Act dies, or suffers or sustains any serious illness or injury, or leaves the employment, the employer shall immediately give notice to the Minister and do all such further acts and things as may be required of him by the Minister, and in default thereof he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every such offence.

Notice to the
Minister
before
transfer or
dismissal.

7. (1) No employer shall transfer or make over to any other person the services or care of the juvenile or discharge or dismiss such juvenile unless or until the Minister has first received seven days' notice in writing thereof.

(2) Any employer who contravenes this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Transfer by
the Minister.

8. (1) The Minister may at any time transfer the juvenile to another employer, or may require the juvenile to return to any training farm to be named by the Minister.

(2) The Minister may at any time, by notice in writing, require the employer forthwith to deliver the juvenile to some person named therein.

(3) Any person who fails to comply with any requirement under this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.

Penalties.

9. Any person who without the authority of the Minister takes or removes any juvenile from the employer with whom the juvenile is placed for employment under this Act before the expiration of the term of service shall be liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding

exceeding twenty pounds. This section shall not be deemed to prevent a juvenile from terminating his employment, but in that event he shall forthwith notify the Minister. George V,
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10. In all proceedings in respect of offences against this Act, the onus of showing that any juvenile described in any information as a juvenile placed for employment with an employer under this Act, is not a juvenile so placed, shall be upon the defendant. Evidence.

11. Proceedings in respect of a breach of this Act may be taken in a summary manner before a stipendiary or police or industrial magistrate or any two justices in petty sessions. Proceedings
for breach of
Act.

SCHEDULE.

I, _____, do hereby declare that I am desirous of coming under the provisions of the Juvenile Migrants Act, 1926, of the State of New South Wales. It has been explained to me that * during my passage to that State I shall be under the control of a person appointed by or on behalf of the Minister for Labour and Industry of that State, and that * when I am in that State I shall, until I attain the age of eighteen years, be under the control of the Minister for Labour and Industry of that State, and under the provisions of the abovementioned Act. The following particulars are true and correct :—

My name is _____

My address is _____

My age is _____

Dated the _____ day of _____ 19 ____ .

(Signature).....

(* NOTE.—Strike out words between asterisks when the form is signed in New South Wales.)

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ENDORSEMENT.

I, the undersigned, being the _____ of the said _____ hereby consent to my _____ proceeding to New South Wales under the provisions of the above Act.

(Signature).....