

PROHIBITION OF DISGUISES ACT 16 OF 1969

[ASSENTED TO 13 MARCH 1969]

[DATE OF COMMENCEMENT: 26 MARCH 1969]

(English text signed by the State President)

as amended by

General Law Amendment Act 49 of 1996

ACT

To prescribe penalties for being in disguise in suspicious circumstances; and to repeal certain provisions of the Police Offences Act, 1882 (Cape), the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1909 (Natal), the Police Offences Ordinance, 1902 (Orange Free State), Law 2 of 1891 (Transvaal), the Crimes Ordinance, 1904 (Transvaal), the Police Offences Proclamation, 1920 (South-West Africa), and the Police Offences (Rehoboth Gebiet) Proclamation, 1937 (South-West Africa).

1 Penalties for being in disguise in suspicious circumstances

(1) Any person found disguised in any manner whatsoever and whether effectively or not, in circumstances from which it may reasonably be inferred that such person has the intention of committing or inciting, encouraging or aiding any other person to commit, some offence or other, shall, unless he proves that when so found he had no such intention, be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred rand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(2) In any prosecution for a contravention of subsection (1) it shall not be necessary to allege or prove that the circumstances in which the accused was found, gave rise to an inference that he had the intention of committing or inciting, encouraging or aiding any other person to commit, any particular offence.

2 Repeal of laws

The laws specified in the Schedule are hereby repealed to the extent set out in the third column thereof.

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[S. 3 repealed by s. 1 of Act 49 of 1996 .]

4 Short title

This Act shall be called the Prohibition of Disguises Act, 1969.

Schedule

NO AND YEAR	TITLE OR SUBJECT MATTER	EXTENT OF REPEAL
Act 27 of 1882	CAPE Police Offences Act, 1882	Section 8 (2)
Act 10 of 1910	NATAL Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1909	Section 6 (2) (e)
	ORANGE FREE STATE	

Ordinance 21 of 1902	Police Offences Ordinance, 1902	Section 26 (2)
	TRANSVAAL	
Law 2 of 1891	Masks and Disguises	The whole
Ordinance 26 of 1904	Crimes Ordinance, 1904	Section 7 (c)
	SOUTH-WEST AFRICA	
Proclamation 27 of 1920	Police Offences Proclamation, 1920	Section 9 (2)
Proclamation 5 of 1937	Police Offences (Rehoboth <i>Gebiet</i>) Proclamation, 1937	Section 3 (2)