

(3.) Where, on the trial of a person for an offence against section fifteen of this Act, the evidence does not establish the commission by him of that offence but establishes the commission by him of an offence against section fourteen of this Act, he may be found guilty of that last-mentioned offence.

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Prosecutions.

21.—(1.) Proceedings for—

- (a) the commitment of a person for trial on indictment for an offence against this Act; or
 - (b) the summary prosecution of an offence against this Act,
- shall not be instituted except with the consent in writing of the Attorney-General or a person authorized by the Attorney-General, by writing under his hand, to give such consents.

(2.) Notwithstanding that a consent has not been given in relation to the offence in accordance with the last preceding sub-section—

- (a) a person may be charged with an offence against this Act;
- (b) a person may be arrested for such an offence, and a warrant for such an arrest may be issued and executed; and
- (c) a person so charged may be remanded in custody or on bail,

but no further step in proceedings of a kind referred to in that sub-section shall be taken in relation to the offence until such a consent has been obtained.

(3.) Nothing in the last preceding sub-section shall prevent the discharging of the accused if proceedings are not continued within a reasonable time.

Jurisdiction of courts.

22.—(1.) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this section, jurisdiction is conferred on the several courts of the States and Territories with respect to offences against this Act.

(2.) The jurisdiction conferred on courts by the last preceding sub-section is conferred within the limits (other than limits having effect by reference to the places at which offences are committed) of their several jurisdictions, but, in the case of a court of a State, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (2.) of section thirty-nine of the *Judiciary Act* 1903–1960.

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