

guilty of such offence, also be liable to pay to the Minister all expenses of and incidental to such officer being so taken on such aircraft.

(3) Where a person charged with an offence under this section is not the pilot of the aircraft in respect of which such offence is alleged to have been committed, it shall be a good defence for such person to prove that on the occasion on which such offence is alleged to have been committed he was not a party nor privy to the taking off or attempted taking off of such aircraft.

(4) Any expenses payable to the Minister under sub-section (2) may be recovered by the Minister as a simple contract debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(5) Every person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(6) Each of the following shall be an authorised officer for the purposes of this section, that is to say:—

- (a) a commissioned officer of the Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann;
- (b) an officer of the Minister;
- (c) an officer of customs and excise;
- (d) any person authorised by the Minister in that behalf.

65.—(1) Where under this Act or any order or regulation made thereunder an aircraft is to be detained, an officer of customs and excise shall, and where under this Act an aircraft may be detained, an officer of customs and excise may refuse to clear that aircraft outwards or to grant a transire to such aircraft.

Other provisions
in relation to
detained aircraft.

(2) Where any provision of this Act or any order or regulation made thereunder provides that an aircraft may be detained until any document is produced to the proper officer of customs and excise, the proper officer shall mean, unless the context otherwise requires, the officer able to grant a clearance or transire to such aircraft.

66.—(1) The Minister may by order make regulations in relation to all or any of the following matters, that is to say:—

- (a) subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, for requiring any person—

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undertakings and
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aerodromes.