

"Requisitioning of aircraft and calling out of flight crew for air search and rescue operations."

Amendment of section 6 of Act 16 of 1923, as amended by section 6 of Act 41 of 1946 and section 2 of Act 51 of 1955.

Insertion of section 7 in Act 16 of 1923. "Establishment of aerodromes on undermined or certain other land."

5. (1) The Minister or any person authorized thereto by the Minister may at any time requisition any civil aircraft and call out any holder of a flight crew license issued in terms of this Act for air search and rescue operations, subject to the payment of compensation at such rate as may be prescribed.

(2) If any air research and rescue operations are undertaken by the State in connection with any occurrence caused by the negligent or other unlawful act or omission of any person, the Minister may recover from such person the whole or any portion of the expenses incurred by the State in connection with such operations, according as he may determine after consultation with the Minister of Finance.

(3) Any person who without lawful reason refuses or fails to comply with any order or instruction made or given by virtue of the provisions of sub-section (1), shall be guilty of an offence."

6. Section *six* of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the deletion in sub-section (1) of all the words after the word "land", where it occurs for the second time; and

(b) by the addition of the following sub-sections:

"(d) The provisions of section *seventy-eight* of the Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957), shall, if necessary, apply in connection with the acquisition in terms of this section of any land and interests in and rights to and over land, as if such land, interests or rights were required for defence purposes.

(5) The provisions of any law governing the granting of authority for the issue of any licence for the carrying on of any trade or occupation, for the carrying on of which a licence is required in terms of any regulation made under sub-paragraph (vi) of paragraph (c) *bis* of sub-section (1) of section *three*, shall not apply to or in respect of any aerodrome established and maintained in terms of this section."

7. The following section is hereby inserted in the principal Act after section *six bis*:

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of section *eight* no aerodrome shall be established—

(a) on any undermined ground or within a distance of three hundred feet from any undermined ground or any open mine excavation unless, in the opinion of the Government Mining Engineer, such aerodrome could be used with safety;

(b) on any ground which in the opinion of the Minister of Mines may be required for purposes of mining or prospecting for minerals, except—