

pilot-in-command or the owner or any person acting under the authority of the owner of such aircraft, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding eight hundred rand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(3) Any person who falsely alleges that any other person is about to commit an offence in contravention of sub-section (1) or (2), shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding four thousand rand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(4) For the purposes of sub-section (1) "personnel" includes the pilot-in-command of, and any other person assigned to duty on, an aircraft.

17. (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 licence 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.

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(2) If any air search 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.

18. Any offence under this Act and any offence committed on a South African aircraft, shall, for purposes in relation to jurisdiction of a court to try the offence, be deemed to have been committed in any place where the accused happens to be: Provided that if any such offence is committed within the Republic, the offence may be tried by any court having jurisdiction where the offence was committed.

Jurisdiction.

19. (1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of, or commits an offence under, this Act or the Convention or the Transit Agreement, or who fails to comply with any such provision with which it is his duty to comply, shall, except where another penalty is specially provided, be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding four hundred rand or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Penalties.

(2) If a person referred to in sub-section (1) is the holder of a licence, certificate or rating issued under this Act, the court convicting him may, in addition to any