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AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Boy Scouts Association and for related matters.

1. Incorporation and objectives of the Boy Scouts Association

(1) The organisation which on the 16th day of December, 1960 took the name of the Ghana Boy Scouts Association shall be the sole Boy Scouts Association in the Republic and is, as from the commencement of this Act, incorporated as a body with perpetual succession and a common seal and power to hold land.

(2) The objectives of the Association are,

- (a) to encourage loyalty, thoughtfulness to others and good citizenship among boys and to help to develop their character;
- (b) to train boys in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance;
- (c) to teach boys services useful to others and handicrafts useful to themselves;
- (d) to promote the physical, mental and spiritual development of boys; and
- (e) to encourage international goodwill and understanding by establishing friendly contact with boys of other nations.

2. Incorporation and objectives of the Girl Guides Association

(1) The organisation which on the 13th day of February, 1960, took the name of the Ghana Girl Guides Association (Incorporated) shall be the sole Girl Guides Association in the Republic, and as from the commencement of this Act, incorporated as a body with perpetual succession and a common seal and power to hold land, and shall be known as the Girl Guides Association.

1. This Act was issued as the Scouts and Guides Decree, 1969 (N.L.C.D. 399), made on the 26th day of September, 1969, and notified in the *Gazette* on 30th September, 1969.

(2) The objectives of the Association are

- (a) to encourage loyalty, thoughtfulness to others and good citizenship among girls and to help to develop their character;
- (b) to train girls in habits of courtesy, obedience and service to others;
- (c) to develop in girls an interest in homecraft, health, social service, love of nature and traditional arts and customs;
- (d) to promote the physical, mental and spiritual development of girls;
- (e) to encourage international goodwill and understanding by establishing friendly contact with girls of other nations.

3. Restriction on use of uniforms

A person shall not publicly wear, carry or bear a uniform, badge, token or an emblem adopted for use under a by-law, rule or an order of either Association unless that person is entitled to do so by the by-law, rule or order.

4. Impersonation

A member of either Association, unless otherwise lawfully entitled to do so, shall not claim or pretend to be or to act as, or to have the authority or power of, a member of the Police Service or of the Armed Forces or an agent or officer of the Government.

5. Unauthorised exercise of authority

A member of either Association shall not attempt, by virtue of wearing a uniform, badge, token or an emblem of either Association or appearing to be any of them, to enforce or exercise authority otherwise than in accordance with and as authorised by the by-law, rules or orders of the Association.

6. Unauthorised bodies

A person shall not be concerned in forming, organising or working in connection with a corp of or body whose management or members, without authority granted by either Association, claim or purport to be or hold themselves out as boy scouts or girl guides or otherwise to be connected with either Association.

7. Burden of proof

In proceedings under this Act, the burden of proving that a person is a boy scout or a girl guide lies on the party contending the same, and, if that proof is not shown to the satisfaction of the Court, that person is not a boy scout or a girl guide.

8. Penalties

A person who contravenes a provision of this Act commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty penalty units or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

9. Repeals*Spent.*²

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2. The section provided for the repeal of the Boy Scouts Association Ordinance (Cap. 265) and the Girl Guides (Incorporated) Ordinance (Cap. 271).

