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No. 51 of 1960

An Act to make provision for the punishment of kidnapping and for other purposes.

[Assented to 24th November, 1960.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Kidnapping Act, 1960".

Kidnapping.

2. (1) Any person who, whether for ransom, reward, service or for any similar purpose, unlawfully leads, takes, decoys, inveigles or entices away, abducts, seizes, carries off or detains any person without his consent or with his consent obtained by fraud or duress to the intent that or whereby such person may be or is held, confined or imprisoned or prevented from returning to his normal place of abode or sent or taken out of the State shall be guilty of felony and liable to be imprisoned for life and may be whipped.

(2) A person under the age of eighteen years shall be deemed incapable of consenting to being led, taken, decoyed, inveigled or enticed away, abducted, seized, carried off, detained, held confined or imprisoned.

Demanding money or making threat.

3. (1) Any person who without reasonable and probable cause directly or indirectly and whether by letter, writing, word of mouth or any other medium whatsoever demands any property, chattel, money, valuable security or other valuable thing of any person with menaces or threats in relation to the life,

health, safety, security or well-being of the person from whom the demand is made or of any other person or to the safety or security of the property real or personal of either such person shall be guilty of felony and liable to be imprisoned for life and may be whipped.

(2) Any person who without reasonable and probable cause directly or indirectly and whether by letter, writing, word of mouth or any other medium whatsoever threatens the life, health, safety, security or well-being of any other person or of any relative or friend of that person or of any member of that person's family or the safety or security of the property real or personal of any such person, relative, friend or member of family shall be guilty of felony and liable to be imprisoned for life and may be whipped.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

J. M. NAPIER, Lieutenant-Governor.