



Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937

1937 CHAPTER 37

PART II

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND EXPOSURE TO MORAL AND PHYSICAL DANGER

Offences

21 Punishment of vagrants preventing children from receiving education

- (1) If a person habitually wanders from place to place and takes with him any child who has attained the age of five years, he shall, unless he proves that the child is totally exempted from school attendance or that the child is not, by being so taken with him, prevented from receiving efficient education, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding with expenses twenty shillings.
- (2) Any constable who finds a person wandering from place to place and taking a child with him may, if he has reasonable ground for believing that the person is guilty of an offence under this section, apprehend him without a warrant, and may take the child to a place of safety in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (3) Without prejudice to the requirements of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1872 to 1936, as to school attendance or to proceedings thereunder, this section shall not, during the months of April to September inclusive, apply to any child whose parent or guardian is engaged in a trade or business of such a nature as to require him to travel from place to place, if a certificate has been obtained that the child has made not less than two hundred attendances at a public school during the months of October to March immediately preceding.