CHAPTER 29

AN ACT to prohibit the unauthorized removal of sand, stone, shingle and gravel from the seashore

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1. This Act may be cited as the

BEACH PROTECTION ACT.

2. If any person digs or takes and carries away any sand, stone, shingle or gravel from the seashore, he is guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

3. If any person uses a motor vehicle in furtherance of the commission of an offence under section 2 the court shall, in addition to any other penalty, order him to be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for twelve months. The provisions of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act apply in all respects as if the disqualification were an order of the court made pursuant to section 59 of that Act.

4. A police officer may, without warrant, arrest a person whom he finds committing an offence under section 2.

5. Whenever a person has been convicted of a contravention of section 2 the court may award, to any person (not being a public officer) through whose instrumentality the conviction has been obtained, a portion not exceeding one half of the fine imposed by the court.

6. (1) Notwithstanding section 2 the Minister may, by Order, exempt any specified person or part of the seashore from the application of section 2.
(2) An Order made under subsection (1) shall specify the name and address of the person, and identify the part of the seashore, to which it relates, and may include such reasonable conditions as the Minister may deem fit to impose.