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THE OVERSEAS PASSENGERS' LANDING DEPOSITS ORDINANCE, 1925.

Western Samoa.

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An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Overseas Passengers' Landing Deposits Ordinance, 1925.

2. No person shall land in the Territory of Western Samoa from any place outside the Territory until he has deposited with the Collector of Customs a sum sufficient in the opinion of the Collector to defray the expense of transporting such person to such place or to some other place outside the Territory where such person will be permitted to land; but not in any case exceeding £50.

3. Each sum so deposited shall be placed by the Collector at interest in the official name of the Collector with the Post Office Savings Bank at Apia and shall, with the interest accrued on such sum but less any part of such sum deducted under Clause 4, be repaid to the depositor upon the expiry of five years from the date of the deposit or upon the earlier departure of the depositor from Western Samoa, or in the case of the death of the depositor in Western Samoa shall be repaid to his personal representative upon his death.

4. If the Samoan Treasury shall incur any expense for the maintenance while in the Territory of any person who has deposited a sum of money as aforesaid or for the transportation of any such person from the Territory, the sum so expended or such part thereof as the Administrator thinks fit may be repaid to the Treasury out of the money so deposited.

5. (1) Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to—
- (a) any person under the age of 14 years, or
 - (b) any person arriving in Western Samoa as the master or as a member of the crew of any vessel, or
 - (c) to any person who shall satisfy the Collector of Customs that he is a passenger in the course of his journey by a vessel to any place beyond the Territory and that he intends to leave the Territory with that vessel on her first departure from the Territory, or
 - (d) to any permanent resident of the Territory returning thereto after a temporary absence, or
 - (e) to any person who shall deposit with the Collector of Customs a ticket which the Collector is satisfied will enable such person to obtain a passage from the Territory without further payment at any time within 5 years of such deposit, or
 - (f) to any person who shall deposit with the Collector of Customs a guarantee approved by the Collector to indemnify the Samoan Treasury from any expense not exceeding £50 of the nature referred to in Clause 4 incurred by the Treasury in relation to such person, or
 - (g) to any person who may be exempted from the operation of this Ordinance by writing under the hand of the Administrator.
- (2) In any prosecution for an offence under this Ordinance the burden of proving that the accused is not a person to whom this Ordinance applies shall lie on the accused.

6. Every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding £100 who lands in the Territory of Western Samoa contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Assented to this tenth day of
March, 1925.

[L.S.] GEO. S. RICHARDSON,
Administrator.