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Ch. 108,
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 14 of 1968.
 13 of 1986.
 22 of 1987.
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 Short title.

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Passports Act.
- 2. The form of application for and the particulars to be furnished in respect of a Belize passport issued to any person, and any fee to be paid therefor, may from time to time be prescribed by the Minister by regulations issued under the provisions of this Act.
- 3.-(1) Every person who, in respect of any passport-
 - (a) alters or tampers with the same;
 - (b) is found in unlawful possession thereof;

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- (c) on finding the same neglects or fails, within seven days of finding thereof, to send such passport to the principal Immigration Officer or to the officer in charge at the nearest Police Station;
- (d) by personation or false representation holds himself out as the rightful possessor thereof;
- (e) by personation or false representation procures or obtains or attempts to procure or obtain the issue of the same to himself or to any person;
- (f) parts with the possession of the same to another person without lawful authority or for an unlawful purpose;
- (g) destroys, makes away with or, by wilful neglect, allows any person to obtain possession of the same;
- (h) without having actual knowledge of the applicant for a passport, makes any declaration verifying the declaration of such applicant, or vouching the fitness of such applicant to receive a passport or makes any such declaration merely on information obtained from the applicant or from any other person,

commits an offence against this Act.

(2) Every person who aids or abets any person in the commission of any offence against this Act, or harbours any person whom he knows or has reasonable ground for believing to have committed an offence against this Act, also commits an offence against this Act.

Penalty.

4. Every person who commits an offence against this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to both such fine and term of imprisonment.