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THE TWO HUNDRED AND SECOND

# ACT

OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF GHANA

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## THE SECURITY SERVICE ACT, 1963

AN ACT to provide for the establishment and functions of a Security Service and matters connected therewith.

DATE OF ASSENT: *27th November, 1963*

BE IT ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly in this present Parliament assembled as follows:—

The Security Service.

1. (1) There is hereby established a Security Service (in this Act referred to as the "Service") as one of the Public Services of the Republic which shall be directly responsible to the President.

(2) The Service shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the President.

Rules specifying the departments, etc., of the Service and their functions.

2. (1) The Service shall be divided into such number of departments, branches and divisions as the President may by Rules from time to time specify.

(2) The composition, organisation and functions of any department, branch or division of the Service established in pursuance of such Rules, and the functions of any member of such department, branch or division, shall be such as may be specified in the Rules.

3. It shall be the duty of the Service to defend the Republic from external and internal dangers arising from activities directed from within or without Ghana which are subversive of the Republic, and to perform any other functions relating to the Security of the State assigned to the Service by the President.

Functions of the Service.

4. (1) For the purpose of the efficient performance of the functions assigned to the Service by this Act, Rules may be made conferring on the members of such department, branch or division of the Service as may be specified in the Rules the powers of superior police officers in relation to investigation, search, arrest and detention.

Powers of search and arrest.

(2) A security officer on whom such powers have been conferred shall be provided with such identification card as may be prescribed by Rules indicating that he has such powers.

(3) The powers conferred on a security officer under this section shall be exercisable only if the officer is carrying the prescribed identification card on him.

(4) Where a security officer referred to in subsection (2) of this section exercises any of the powers conferred on him under subsection (1) of this section, he shall, if requested by the person in respect of whom such power is being exercised, produce his identification card for examination by that person.

5. The President may remove or dismiss a security officer from office on any ground which the President considers sufficient in the public interest.

Removal or dismissal of Security Officer.

6. No proceedings shall be instituted against the Republic in any Court in respect of anything done in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Rules made thereunder.

No proceedings against Republic in certain cases.

7. (1) The President may make Rules providing for any matter which under this Act is to be provided for by Rules or which otherwise relates to the administration and functions of the Service.

Power to make Rules.

(2) Any such Rules shall be in writing and shall be given such publicity (within the Service and elsewhere) as the President may direct.

(3) Without prejudice to the preceding provisions of this section, Rules made under this section may include any of the following matters, that is to say, appointments, promotion, transfer, dismissal and discipline of members of the Service.

8. The President may, by legislative instrument, make such amendments in the enactments relating to pensions of public officers as may be necessary in consequence of the provisions of this Act.

Amendment of enactments relating to pensions. Interpretation.

9. In this Act " security officer " means a member of the Service.

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