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[Date of assent:22nd August, 1963.]

[Date of commencement:2nd September, 1963.]

An Act of Parliament to make provision for the establishment of borstal institutions for youthful offenders and for the detention of youthful offenders therein, and for connected purposes

[Act No. 23 of 1963, Act No. 10 of 1983.]

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Borstal Institutions Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires-

"After-Care Committee" means a committee appointed under section 21 of this Act;

"**authorized officer**" means a police officer, a prison officer or a probation officer;

"**Board of Visitors**" means a board of visitors appointed under section 20 of this Act;

"**borstal institution**" means a borstal institution established under section 3;

"borstal order" means an order under section 6 or section 7 of this Act directing that a youthful offender be sent to a borstal institution;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Prisons;

"conviction" includes a finding of guilt by a juvenile court;

"juvenile court" means a juvenile court within the meaning of the Children and Young Persons Act (Cap. 141);

"licence" means a licence granted under section 26(1) of this Act;

"**principal borstal officer**" means a person appointed by the Commissioner to be a principal borstal officer of an institution and includes a principal borstal officer (women);

"prison officer" has the meaning assigned to it in the Prisons Act (Cap. 90);

"**probation officer**" has the meaning assigned to it in the Probation of Offenders Act (Cap. 64);

"removal order" means an order made under section 13;

"sentence" includes an order by a juvenile court on a finding of guilt;