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An Act regulating the issue of passports and other matters incidental thereto.*26 of 1919**43 of 1964**28 of 1968**E.L.A.O., 1974**5 of 1987**[Commencement 18th December, 1919]*

1. This Act may be cited as the Passport Act. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Passports; *E.L.A.O., 1974.*

“passenger” includes any person carried on a ship other than the master and persons employed in the work or service of the ship.
3. Whenever it shall appear to the Minister that it will be for the public benefit so to do the Minister may by Order prohibit any person entering or leaving The Bahamas as a passenger unless he has in his possession a valid passport or some other document satisfactorily establishing his nationality or identity. Minister may prohibit persons entering or leaving The Bahamas without passports. *E.L.A.O., 1974.*
4. Every such passport and document as aforesaid shall have attached thereto a photograph of the person to whom it relates. Passport to have photograph attached.
5. The Minister may make rules with respect to any or all of the following matters — Rules. *E.L.A.O., 1974.*
 - (a) the mode of application for passports and the charges thereof;
 - (b) the persons to whom passports will be granted;
 - (c) the period for which passports will be available;
 - (d) describing the method for the renewing of passports;
 - (e) generally for regulating the issuing and granting of passports.

Penalties.
5 of 1987, s. 2.

6. If any person enters or leaves The Bahamas in contravention of this Act he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

Forgery of
passport.
28 of 1968, s. 2.

7. (1) Whoever —
(a) forges any passport; or
(b) makes any statement which is to his knowledge untrue for the purpose of procuring a passport whether for himself or any other person,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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(2) The provisions of section 70 of the Penal Code shall apply in respect of the forgery of a passport under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section as they apply in respect of forgery in that Code.