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South Australia

Criminal Law Consolidation (Offences Against Unborn Child) Amendment Bill 2013

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Law Consolidation (Offences Against Unborn Child) Amendment Act 2013.

2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935

3—Amendment of section 19A—Causing death or harm by use of vehicle or vessel

Section 19A—after subsection (3) insert:

(4) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (3), a reference to causing the death of another person, or harm to another person, includes causing the death or causing harm to an unborn child.

4—Insertion of heading to Subdivision 1

Before section 21 insert:

Subdivision 1—Preliminary

5—Insertion of heading to Subdivision 2

Before section 23 insert:

Subdivision 2—Causing harm

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6—Insertion of heading to Subdivision 3

Before section 25 insert:

Subdivision 3—Alternative verdicts

7—Insertion of heading to Subdivision 4

Before section 29 insert:

Subdivision 4—Acts endangering life etc

8—Insertion of Subdivision 5

After section 31 insert:

Subdivision 5—Offences against unborn child

31A—Offences against unborn child

- (1) A person who causes serious harm to a pregnant woman which causes her unborn child to die is guilty of an offence.
 - Maximum penalty: Imprisonment for life.
- (2) A person who causes serious harm to a pregnant woman which causes serious harm to her unborn child is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty: Imprisonment for 20 years.
- (3) In this section—

pregnant woman means a female person of any age who is pregnant.

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