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No. 52 of 1980

An Act to amend the Police Offences Act, 1953-1979.

[Assented to 3rd July, 1980]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1980".

(2) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1979, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Police Offences Act, 1953-1980".

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 4—
Interpretation.

2. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in subsection (1) after the definition of "the Commissioner" the following definition:—

"minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years;

and

(b) by inserting in subsection (1) after the definition of "public place" the following definition:—

"to tattoo" means to insert into or through the skin any colouring material designed to leave a permanent mark:.

Enactment of
s. 21a of
principal Act.

3. The following section, together with the heading, is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 21 thereof:—

Tattooing of Minors

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21a. (1) Any person who tattoos a minor shall (except where the tattoo is performed for medical reasons by a legally qualified medical practitioner or a person working under his direction) be guilty of an offence and liable for a first offence to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars and for a second or subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars.

(2) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) of this section to prove that at the time the tattoo was performed he had reasonable cause to believe, and did believe, that the person tattooed was of or over the age of eighteen years.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

K. D. SEAMAN, Governor