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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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## A BILL

To provide that certain buildings are adequately provided with the means for extinguishing and escape from fires; to amend the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, and the Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1916; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the “Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1917.” Short title.

**2.** Section four of the Height of Buildings (Metropolitan Police District) Act, 1912, is amended by inserting after subsection one the following subsections :— Amendment of s. 4 of Principal Act.

(1A) The proprietor of a building being erected in pursuance of any such permit granted at any time after the            day of           , one thousand nine hundred and           , shall at any time the Minister may by notice in writing so require, furnish him with a certificate signed by the architect or, if there is no architect, by the contractor for the building, that the work on the building has, up to the date of the certificate, been carried out with regard to the provisions for protection against fire, in accordance with the plans and specifications, with such variations (if any) as may be approved in writing by the Minister, or some person appointed by him in that behalf. Interim certificate.

If any person signs any such certificate which is false in any particular he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds.

(1B) If such certificate is not furnished as aforesaid the proprietor of the building shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for every day after the date notified for the furnishing of the certificate on which work on the building is proceeded with, and until a certificate is duly furnished under this section. Penalty.

(1C) Any person authorised in writing by the Minister may enter and inspect any such building which is in course of erection, and every person in control of or engaged in work on such building, shall afford facilities for such entry and inspection. If any person obstructs or hinders the person so authorised in making such entry or inspection he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding pounds. Inspection.

**3.**

**3.** The following short heading and section is inserted New section.  
next after section four of the same Act :—

*Existing buildings.*

4A. (1) The Minister, after receiving a report Existing buildings above 70 feet in height.  
from the chief officer of fire brigades that in any existing building above seventy feet in height, adequate provision has not been made for the extinction of fire or for escape in case of fire, may, by written notice, require the owner or lessee of such building, within a time specified in such notice, to make such alterations and additions and to provide such appliances as in the opinion of the said chief officer are necessary.

Such alterations, additions, and appliances shall be set out in the notice.

(2) Any such owner or lessee who fails to Penalties.  
comply with any of the requirements of such notice within the specified time shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds, and to a further continuing penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for every day after the expiration of the time specified on which such requirements are not complied with.

(3) Any person authorised in writing by the Inspection.  
Minister may enter and inspect any such building, and the owner or lessee or person managing such building shall afford facilities for such entry and inspection.

If any person obstructs or hinders the person so authorised in making such entry or inspection he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

**4.** Section three of the Height of Buildings (Amendment) Act, 1916, is amended in the new paragraph (b) Amendment of s. 3 of 1916 Act.  
as follows :—

- (a) Before “erected” insert the words “commenced to be”.
  - (b) Omit “one hundred”, insert “seventy”.
  - (c) Omit “in respect of”, insert the words “in the plans and specifications of”.
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