

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1917.

A BILL

To amend and extend the provisions of the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Children's Protection Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

BE 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 "Infant and Children's Protection (Amendment) Act, 1917."

2. Section four of the Infant Protection Act, 1904, is amended as follows:—

- (a) After "any magistrate" insert "or to the clerk of the Children's Court, Sydney, or a clerk of petty sessions, being in either case a justice."
- (b) After "paternity of the infant" insert "unless the court in any particular case thinks fit to dispense with such corroboration."
- (c) After "the magistrate" insert "or clerk aforesaid."
- (d) Omit "the court," insert in lieu thereof "a court."

3. Section eight of the same Act is amended as follows:—

- (a) After "a magistrate" wherever occurring, insert "or to the clerk of the Children's Court, Sydney, or a clerk of petty sessions, being in either case a justice."
- (b) After "the magistrate" wherever occurring, insert "or clerk aforesaid."
- (c) Omit "the court" wherever occurring, insert in lieu thereof "a court."
- (d) After "paternity of the infant" insert "unless the magistrate or clerk aforesaid in any particular case thinks fit to dispense with such corroboration."

4. (1) Sections twenty-seven, thirty, and thirty-four of the same Act are amended by omitting "seven years" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*sixteen* years."

(2) Provided that the above amendment, so far as it relates to section thirty of the said Act, shall not take effect until after three months from the commencement of this Act.

5. (1) Section twenty-seven of the same Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso:—

"Provided that it shall not be necessary to apply for a license under this section where the place and the person occupying it are registered under section eleven of the Children's Protection Act, 1902."

(2)

(2) Section thirty of the same Act is amended by inserting after "the provisions of this Act" the words "or registered under the Children's Protection Act, 1902."

6. The following section is inserted next after section twenty-eight of the same Act :—

28A. The person in charge of any such place shall keep a record as prescribed of all infants under the age of sixteen years who, having been inmates of such place, have, after the day of one thousand nine hundred and , ceased to be such inmates or have been handed over to the care of any other persons, and shall allow the president or chief officer of the board to inspect and take copies of such record.

Such record shall contain the names of such infants and of the persons to whom they have been handed over, and of the persons in whose control they then are, and such other particulars with respect to such infants and persons as may be prescribed.

7. The following section is inserted next after section thirty of the same Act :—

30A. The person in charge of any such place which is licensed in pursuance of this Part of this Act may, subject to the regulations, apprentice for any period not exceeding five years any infant who is lawfully an inmate thereof.

8. The following paragraph is inserted next after paragraph (c) of subsection one of section thirty-four of the same Act :—

(ci) Prescribing the terms and the form and conditions of indentures of apprenticeship, and the transfer and cancellation of such indentures.

9. Section four of the Children's Protection Act, 1902, is repealed.
