

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

*For explanatory note see 1925-26.*

No. , 1926.

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## A BILL

To amend the law as to the liability of a husband for torts committed by his wife after marriage; to amend the Married Women's Property Act, 1901; and for purposes connected therewith.

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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 "Married Women's Short title. Property (Amendment) Act, 1926."

*Married Women's Property (Amendment).*

**2.** The Married Women's Property Act, 1901, is amended by inserting therein after section nineteen the following new section:—

**19A.** A husband shall not be liable to be sued or to be made a party to any action or legal proceeding brought against his wife in respect of any tort committed by her after the marriage, unless he would be liable to be sued or to be made a party if he were not her husband.

**3.** Any alteration of the law by this Act shall not affect any action or proceeding pending at the commencement of this Act.

Amendment  
of Act 1901  
No. 45.

Torts of wife  
after  
marriage.  
Vict. No.  
2,692, s. 19.

Saving  
clause.