

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1922.

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## A BILL

To provide for the notification of the treatment of persons in cases of abortion and miscarriage ; to amend the Private Hospitals Act, 1908, and certain other Acts ; 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 " Private Hospitals Short title.  
(Amendment) Act, 1922."

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*Private Hospitals (Amendment).*

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**2.** The Private Hospitals Act, 1908, is amended by inserting after section seventeen the following new sections:—

Amendment  
of Private  
Hospitals  
Act, 1908.

17A. (1) If it is made to appear to the Minister that there is reasonable cause to suspect that any house, building, tent, or place, is a private hospital within the meaning of this Act, and that a license in respect thereof has not been granted or is not in force, the Minister may, by order in writing, authorise any person to enter (if need be by force) any such house, building, tent, or place named in the order, for the purpose of inspecting the same.

Inspection of  
house, &c.,  
suspected of  
being un-  
licensed  
private  
hospital.

(2) Any person who hinders or obstructs the entry upon or inspection of any such house, building, tent, or place, by any person so authorised, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

17B. (1) The occupier of any house, building, tent, or place at which a female, not usually resident therein, is attended, whether for gain or not, during or following upon abortion or miscarriage, shall forthwith notify to the officer in charge of police at the police station nearest to such house, building, tent, or place that such female is being so attended. Any such occupier who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not less than *twenty* and not more than *one hundred* pounds.

Notification  
of cases of  
abortion or  
miscarriage.

(2) For the purposes of this section the expression "occupier" includes the resident manager of a private hospital, and the matron, superintendent, or other chief resident officer of a public hospital or institution.