

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

Legislative Council

No. , 1910.

A BILL

For the notification of venereal diseases; to amend the Public Health Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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:—

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Public Health (Venereal Diseases) Act, 1910," and shall be construed with the Public Health Act, 1902. Short title and commencement.

This Act shall commence and take effect on the day of , one thousand nine hundred and .

2. In this Act,—

“Principal Act” means Public Health Act, 1902.

“Whole-time medical officer of health” means medical officer of health, the whole of whose time is devoted to the duties of his office.

3. The Governor on the recommendation of the board, by proclamation in the Gazette, may declare that in such parts of New South Wales as are therein named or described syphilis and any other venereal disease named in such proclamation shall be diseases to which this Act applies, and may revoke or vary any such proclamation.

Notification of Disease.

4. If any legally qualified medical practitioner or other person medically or surgically attending or treating any person in a part of New South Wales named or described in any such proclamation becomes aware that such person (hereinafter referred to as “the patient”), is suffering from syphilis or other venereal disease named in such proclamation, such medical practitioner or other person shall forthwith give notice thereof in the prescribed form.

Such notice shall, where the patient is in a district to which a whole-time medical officer of health has been appointed, be addressed to such officer, and where the patient is in any other district or place, be addressed to the secretary of the board.

5. The medical practitioner, or other person who is required to give notice in accordance with the preceding section, shall state, to the best of his knowledge, the true name and address of the patient.

6. If any person fails to give any notice prescribed by the preceding provisions of this Act, he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than *five* pounds nor more than *twenty* pounds.

7. The secretary of the board and every medical officer of health, and every person acting in the administration of this Act, shall preserve and aid in preserving secrecy with regard to all matters which may come to his knowledge in his official capacity in such administration, and shall not communicate such matters to any other person, except in the performance of his duties under this Act. If any such secretary, officer, or person contravenes or fails to carry out the provisions of this section, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *fifty* pounds.

8. The Governor, on the recommendation of the board, may, under and in pursuance of the provisions of the Principal Act relating to regulations made thereunder, make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act, and may in those regulations impose any penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds for any breach of the same, or where the breach is a continuing one not exceeding *two* pounds for every day that the breach is continued.