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## No. 680.

An Act to suppress Indecent Advertisements.

[*Assented to, December 11th, 1897.*]

**B**E it Enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Parliament of South Australia, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as "The Indecent Advertisements Act, 1897." Short title.

2. In this Act "indecent advertisement" shall include any drawing, picture, or written or printed matter of an indecent, immoral, or obscene nature, or which relates to venereal or contagious diseases affecting the generative organs or functions, or to any complaint or infirmity arising from or relating to sexual intercourse, or which relates to female irregularities. General words are not limited or controlled in their meaning by particular words preceding them. Interpretation.

3. No person shall—

- (a) Affix or inscribe on any thing whatsoever, so as to be visible to persons being in or passing along any street, road, highway, pathway, or public place :
- (b) Deliver, or attempt to deliver, or exhibit, to any person being in or passing along any street, road, highway, pathway, or public place :
- (c) Throw down the area, or into the yard, garden, or enclosure of any house :

Indecent advertisements prohibited.

(d) Exhibit

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(d) Exhibit to public view in any house, shop, or place :

(e) Print or publish in any newspaper :

(f) Sell, offer, distribute, or show—

any indecent advertisement.

Procuring publication of indecent advertisements prohibited.

4. No person shall give or deliver to any other person any indecent advertisement with intent that the same or some parts thereof shall be affixed, inscribed, delivered, thrown down, thrown into any place, exhibited, published, sold, offered, distributed, or shown as in the preceding section mentioned.

Indecent advertisements sent by post.

5. Whenever any postmaster has reason to believe that any newspaper, packet, or parcel posted for transmission by post contains any indecent advertisement, he may cause such newspaper, packet, or parcel to be forwarded to the Minister controlling the Postal Department; and, if the same shall be found to contain any indecent advertisement, the Minister may cause such newspaper, packet, or parcel, and the contents thereof, to be destroyed.

Penalties.

6. Whosoever shall commit any breach of this Act shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not exceeding Ten Pounds for the first offence, and of not less than Fifty Pounds for any subsequent offence.

Summary procedure.

7. Penalties under this Act may be recovered before a Special Magistrate or two or more Justices of the Peace, in the manner provided by Act No. 6 of 1850, and the Act or Acts amending the same, or under any other Act that may be law in that behalf.

Exemption of medical works.

8. *Bonâ fide* medical works, and written or printed matter *bonâ fide* published for the advancement of medical science, are exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Appeal.

9. An appeal may be had from any conviction or order dismissing any information to the Local Court of Adelaide of Full Jurisdiction.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

T. F. BUXTON, Governor.