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An Act to amend the Police Offences Act, 1953-1960.

[Assented to 24th November, 1960.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Police Offences Act Amendment Act (No. 2), 1960". Short titles.

(2) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1960, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Police Offences Act, 1953-1960".

(3) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1960, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.

3. The following section is inserted in the principal Act after section 9 thereof :— Enactment of principal Act, s. 9a—

9a. (1) Any person who is found drinking or to have been drinking methylated spirits or any liquid containing methylated spirits shall be guilty of an offence. Sale and consumption of methylated spirits.

Penalty : For a first or second offence five pounds or imprisonment for fourteen days ; for a third or subsequent offence ten pounds or imprisonment for three months.

(2) The court by which a person is convicted of an offence against subsection (1) of this section on the complaint of a member of the police force may, on the application of the complainant, order that the defendant

pay to the complainant a reasonable sum to cover the expenses of doing all or any of the following things :—

- (a) apprehending the defendant ;
- (b) conveying him to a police station ;
- (c) keeping him in custody until trial ;
- (d) medically examining him.

(3) Any amount received by a complainant under subsection (2) of this section shall, unless the court otherwise orders, be paid by him to the Treasurer in aid of the general revenue of the State.

(4) Any person knowing or having reason to suspect that methylated spirits or any liquid containing methylated spirits is intended to be drunk who supplies or permits to be supplied to any person any such methylated spirits or liquid containing methylated spirits shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : For a first offence twenty pounds ; for a second or subsequent offence fifty pounds or imprisonment for three months.

(5) A person shall not sell or supply methylated spirits or any liquid containing methylated spirits at any time between six o'clock in the afternoon on any Saturday and the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning on the following Monday or at any time on a public holiday : Provided, however, that a registered pharmaceutical chemist shall be deemed not to commit an offence against this section if he believes on reasonable grounds that the said methylated spirits or liquid containing methylated spirits is required for external medicinal use.

Penalty : Ten pounds.

(6) In this section "methylated spirits" means industrial spirit or commercial methylated spirit, that is to say ethyl alcohol which has been denatured by the addition thereto of methyl alcohol, benzene, pyridine or any other methylating or denaturing substance or agent.

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

J. M. NAPIER, Lieutenant-Governor.