Read 1° 24 March 1987

(Brought in by the Honourable D. R. White)

A BILL

to amend Part V of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act* 1981 and for other purposes.

Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Amendment) Act 1987

The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:

Purpose.

1. The purpose of this Act is to exempt certain persons from liability under Part V of the *Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act* 1981 by reason only of the sale or supply of hypodermic needles or syringes.

Commencement.

2. This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

New sub-section inserted.

3. After section 80 (4) of the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 insert—

No. 9719. Reprinted to No. 10002 and amended by Nos. 10087, 10262, 16/1986, 21/1986 and 110/1986 and by proclamations and statutory rules.

- "(5) A person who sells or supplies a hypodermic needle or a syringe is not guilty of an offence under this section by reason only of that sale or supply—
 - (a) if the person is, or is engaged or employed by, a pharmacist and the sale or supply is made in the ordinary course of the business of a pharmacist; or
 - (b) if the Governor in Council, by notice published in the Government Gazette, authorises such a sale or supply by a specified person or class of persons in specified circumstances—if the sale or supply is made in accordance with that authority.".

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