

Poisons (Amendment) Bill 1979

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 contains the normal Short Title, cites the Principal Act which is the *Poisons Act* 1962, and provides for commencement upon receipt of the Royal Assent.

Clause 2 inserts a new section 23A into the Principal Act to enable the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister, after consultation with the Health Commission of Victoria, to prohibit or restrict the use of a poison or deleterious substance for periods of three months.

Orders of the Governor in Council in this regard may apply to the whole or to part of Victoria and may be subject to terms and conditions.

Provision is made for the publication of such Orders in the *Government Gazette* and in newspapers circulating throughout Victoria.

A maximum penalty of \$500 is provided for contravention of an Order.

