

Crimes and Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 1999

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to amend the *Summary Offences Act 1988* so as:
 - (i) to prohibit a person from operating a vehicle or vessel in a public place in such a manner as to harass or intimidate another person or in such a manner as would be likely to cause a person of reasonable firmness to fear for his or her personal safety, and
 - (ii) to make amendments concerning soliciting for the purpose of prostitution so as to create separate identical offences, one applying to prostitutes and the other to their prospective clients, and so as to remove any doubt that an offence is committed where the soliciting takes place from a motor vehicle, and
- (b) to amend the *Supreme Court Act 1970* so as remove the current restriction on the number of Judges who may be appointed as Judges of Appeal under that Act, and
- (c) to amend the *Young Offenders Act 1997* so as to require an investigating official to consider whether a child, who has allegedly committed an offence prescribed by the regulations, should be dealt with under the *Young Offenders Act 1997* before issuing a penalty notice to the child in respect of the offence.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation, except for the amendment of the *Supreme Court Act 1970* which is to commence on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 and **Schedule 1** give effect to the objects referred to in paragraph (a) of the Overview above.

Clause 4 and **Schedule 2** give effect to the object referred to in paragraph (b) of the Overview above.

Clause 5 and **Schedule 3** give effect to the object referred to in paragraph (c) of the Overview above.