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Act No 3, 1998

An Act to amend the *Listening Devices Act 1984* in relation to warrants granted under that Act for the installation and retrieval of listening devices; and for other purposes. [Assented to 1 May 1998]

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Listening Devices Amendment (Warrants) Act 1998*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the date of assent.

3 Amendment of Listening Devices Act 1984 No 69

The *Listening Devices Act 1984* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Section 3)

[1] Section 16 Warrants authorising use of listening devices

Insert after section 16 (6A):

- (6B) If an eligible Judge grants a further warrant under this section before the expiry of an existing warrant in respect of the same premises, the requirement to retrieve the listening device under the existing warrant is waived by force of this subsection, and the listening device is taken to be installed under the further warrant.

[2] Section 16A

Insert after section 16:

16A Retrieval of listening device after expiry of warrant

- (1) If a listening device remains on the premises concerned after the expiry of the warrant authorising its installation, the warrant is taken to require the retrieval of the listening device as soon as practicable after the expiry of the warrant.
- (2) The warrant is in that case taken to continue in force for the period of 10 days after its expiry (or such longer period as is allowed by an eligible Judge) for the purpose only of:
 - (a) authorising and requiring the retrieval of the listening device, and
 - (b) authorising entry onto the premises for the purpose of that retrieval.
- (3) On application made in writing and on being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for allowing such a longer period, an eligible Judge may, by order in writing, allow a longer period specified in the order.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (3) prevents the making of further orders in respect of the same warrant, but the maximum period that can be specified in any one order is 21 days.

- (5) An order under this section must state the time within which the applicant for the order is required to report under section 19 (4) to an eligible Judge and to the Attorney General.
- (6) An order under this section may be in or to the effect of the form set out in Schedule 3.

[3] Section 19 Reports

Insert after section 19 (3) (before the penalty):

- (4) The person on whose application an order has been made under section 16A must, within the time specified for the purpose in the order, furnish a report, in writing, to an eligible Judge and to the Attorney General:
 - (a) stating whether or not the listening device concerned was retrieved during the currency of the order, and
 - (b) if the listening device was not so retrieved, giving the reasons why it was not retrieved.

[4] Schedule 1 Savings and transitional provisions

Insert after clause 6:

7 Warrants granted before commencement of Listening Devices Amendment (Warrants) Act 1998

- (1) In this clause, *the amending Act* means the *Listening Devices Amendment (Warrants) Act 1998*.
- (2) The amendments made by the amending Act do not apply to or affect warrants granted under this Act before the commencement of the amending Act, except as provided by this clause.
- (3) A reference in section 16 (6B) as inserted by the amending Act to an existing warrant extends to a warrant in force under this Act at the commencement of the amending Act.
- (4) Section 16A as inserted by the amending Act extends to a warrant in force under this Act at the commencement of the amending Act.