

No. , 1924.

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## A BILL

To provide for the abolition of the death penalty and the substitution of other punishment in certain cases; to amend the Crimes Act, 1900; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

[DR. STOPFORD;—24 *July*, 1924.]

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of  
5 the same, as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the “Crimes (Abolition Short title of Death Penalty) Amendment Act, 1924.”

Abolition  
of death  
penalty.

**2.** So much of the Crimes Act, 1900, as provides for the death penalty is hereby repealed.

Accused  
person may  
be found  
guilty in first  
or second  
degree.

**3.** On a trial at which a person shall be charged with an offence now punishable by the death penalty it shall be lawful for a jury to find such accused person guilty in the first or second degree. 5

Punishment.

**4.** A person who is found to have committed such a crime shall be adjudged guilty in the first degree and shall be punished by penal servitude for life. Should, however, the case of any such accused person as afore- 10  
said be accompanied by mitigating or extenuating circumstances, such person may be found guilty in the second degree, and shall be liable to imprisonment with hard labour for a term not exceeding *fifteen* years.

Extenuating  
circumstances.