Prisoners Detention (Amendment) Bill.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The object of this Bill is to give power for the making of orders for the detention, until certified to be free from contagious disease, of certain classes of prisoners who do not come within the definition of "prisoner" as set out in the Prisoners Detention (Amendment) Act, 1918. Those classes are persons imprisoned for (a) failing to find su eties to be of good behaviour; (b) failing to find sureties for compliance with maintenance orders; and (c) failing to comply with orders for the payment of money.

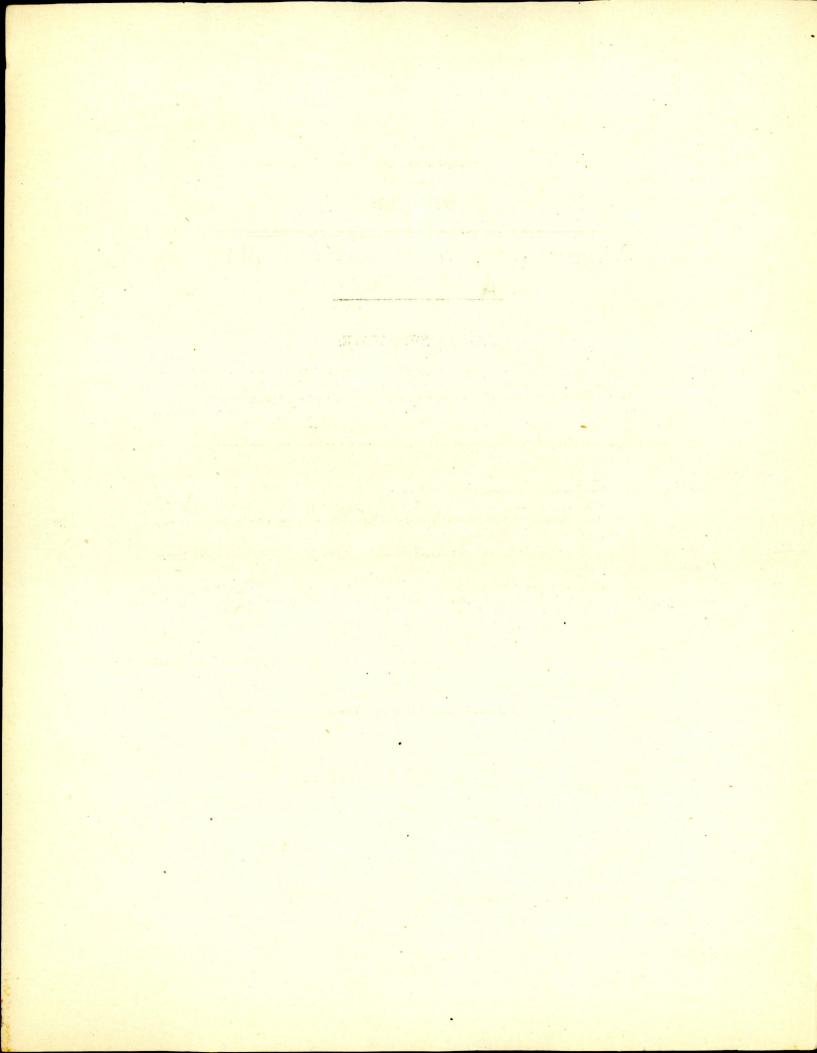
Amongst the prisoners of the first-mentioned class are street women, many of whom are found to be suffering from venereal disease, and they are now entitled to be discharged from prison in an infectious condition.

The definition proposed to be amended is as follows:-

"Prisoner" means any person who is in any prison or place of detention under sentence, or who is detained therein in default of the payment of any fine or penalty he has been ordered to pay.

This definition was inserted in the Prisoners Detention Act, 1908, by the Prisoners Detention (Amendment) Act, 1918.

It is proposed to add the following words to the definition:—"or who is detained therein in pursuance of any warrant of commitment, but does not include a person in the custody of the Sheriff or a person who is only detained pending his trial."



A BILL

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[SIR JOSEPH CARRUTHERS; -17 August, 1922.]

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This Fublic Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

W. L. S. COOPER, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 12th September, 1922.

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