

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

ALLAN PICKERING,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 27 March, 1963.*

## New South Wales



ANNO DUODECIMO

## ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

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Act No. , 1963.

An Act to make further provision with respect to inquests into deaths following the administration of anaesthetics; for this and other purposes to amend the Coroners Act, 1960, and the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

**B**E it enacted by the Queen'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 the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1963".

Short title  
and  
citation.

*Coroners (Amendment).*

(2) The Coroners Act, 1960, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Coroners Act, 1960-1963.

(3) The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1963.

2. The Coroners Act, 1960, is amended—

Amendment of Act No. 2, 1960.

- 10 (a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section ten after the word "illness" the words  
"; absence from such place";
- 15 (b) (i) by omitting from paragraph (f) of subsection one of section eleven the words "the administration" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "<sup>into</sup>, or within a period of twenty-four hours after, the administration to him";
- 20 (ii) by inserting in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subsection two of the same section after the word "under" the words "or within a period of twenty-four hours after the administration to him of";
- 25 (iii) by inserting in the same paragraph after the word "administration" the words "to him";
- 30 (iv) by inserting in paragraph (c) of subsection two of the same section after the word "under" the words "or within a period of twenty-four hours after the administration to him of";
- (v) by inserting in the same paragraph after the word "administration" the words "to him";

Sec. 10. (Jurisdiction, powers and duties of deputy coroners.)

Sec. 11. (Inquests into deaths.)

(c)

*Coroners (Amendment).*

- (c) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of section thirteen after the word "illness" the words Sec. 13.  
 " , absence from the place where he holds office (Cases where coroner is not bound to hold an inquest or inquiry.)  
 or ordinarily acts as coroner";
- 5 (ii) by inserting at the end of paragraph (b) of the same section the following word and new paragraph : —
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- 10 (c) in the case of an inquest, he is satisfied that the cause of death arose at some other place than that at which he holds office or ordinarily acts as coroner and that on the ground of public convenience the inquest should be held by the coroner at that other place,
- 15 (d) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three of section nineteen the words "transmit Sec. 19.  
 the depositions of the witnesses to the Under (Depositions to be taken.)  
 Secretary, Department of the Attorney General and of Justice" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "cause the depositions of the witnesses to be filed in the office of the clerk of petty sessions where or nearest to the place where the inquest, inquiry or magisterial inquiry was held or in such other office of a clerk of petty sessions as the Minister in writing may direct";
- 20 (ii) by omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words "said Under Secretary" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "clerk of petty sessions in whose office the depositions are filed";
- 25 (iii) by omitting from the same paragraph the words "Under Secretary" where secondly occurring and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "clerk of petty sessions";
- 30 (iv) by omitting from the same paragraph the words " , if it has been transmitted to and received by him";
- 35 (v)

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*Coroners (Amendment).*

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(v) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection :—

5 (4) In relation to any such depositions transmitted to the Under Secretary, Department of the Attorney General and of Justice, before the commencement of the Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1963, and received by him, paragraph (b) of subsection three of this section shall be read and construed as if a  
10 reference to the clerk of petty sessions in whose office the depositions are filed were a reference to the said Under Secretary.

3. The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended by  
15 omitting from paragraph (v) of subsection three of section 27A the words “the administration” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “, or within a period of twenty-four hours after, the administration to him”.

Amendment of Act No. 17, 1899. Sec. 27A. (Issue of medical certificates of cause of death.)

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BY AUTHORITY:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES—1963  
[4d.]

PROOF

No. , 1963.

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[MR. MANNIX;—19 March, 1963.]

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Short title  
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(2)

*Coroners (Amendment).*

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- 10 (c) in the case of an inquest, he is satisfied that the cause of death arose at some other place than that at which he holds office or ordinarily acts as coroner and that on the ground of public convenience the inquest should be held by the coroner at that other place,
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- (d) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three of section nineteen the words "transmit the depositions of the witnesses to the Under Secretary, Department of the Attorney General and of Justice" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "cause the depositions of the witnesses to be filed in the office of the clerk of petty sessions where or nearest to the place where the inquest, inquiry or magisterial inquiry was held or in such other office of a clerk of petty sessions as the Minister in writing may direct"; Sec. 19. (Depositions to be taken.)
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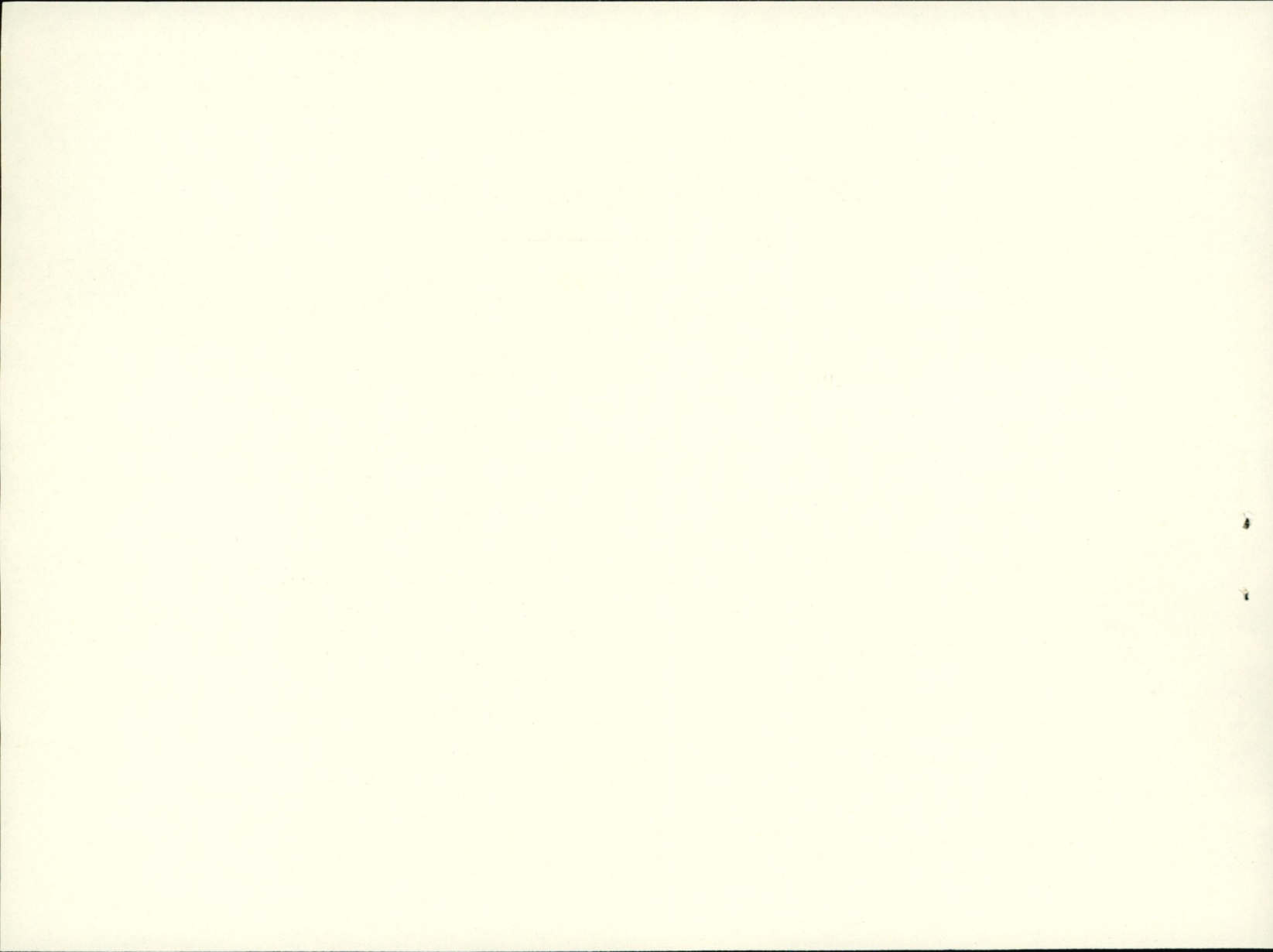
## CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to empower a deputy coroner to hold an inquest or inquiry where a coroner is unable by reason of absence to hold the inquest or inquiry ;
- (b) to require coroners to hold inquests, subject to existing powers of dispensing with the holding of inquests, into deaths of persons who die within twenty-four hours after the administration of an anaesthetic ;
- (c) to relieve a coroner of the duty of holding an inquest where he is unable through absence to do so, or where he is satisfied that the cause of death arose in some other place and that on the ground of public convenience the inquest should be held in that other place ;
- (d) to alter the requirements with regard to custody of completed depositions of witness taken at inquests, inquiries or magisterial inquiries ;
- (e) to prohibit medical practitioners from issuing certificates of the cause of death of persons who die within twenty-four hours after the administration of an anaesthetic ;
- (f) to make other amendments of an ancillary or consequential nature.



PROOF

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2. The Coroners Act, 1960, is amended—

Amendment  
of Act No.  
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- 10 (a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section ten after the word "illness" the words  
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  - 15 (b) (i) by omitting from paragraph (f) of subsection one of section eleven the words "the administration" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " , or within a period of twenty-four hours after, the administration to him"; Sec. 11.  
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into  
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  - 20 (ii) by inserting in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subsection two of the same section after the word "under" the words "or within a period of twenty-four hours after the administration to him of";
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*Coroners (Amendment).*

- (c) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of section thirteen after the word "illness" the words "absence from the place where he holds office or ordinarily acts as coroner";
- 5 (ii) by inserting at the end of paragraph (b) of the same section the following word and new paragraph :—
- or
- 10 (c) in the case of an inquest, he is satisfied that the cause of death arose at some other place than that at which he holds office or ordinarily acts as coroner and that on the ground of public convenience the inquest should be held by the coroner at that other place,
- 15 (d) (i) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three of section nineteen the words "transmit the depositions of the witnesses to the Under Secretary, Department of the Attorney General and of Justice" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "cause the depositions of the witnesses to be filed in the office of the clerk of petty sessions where or nearest to the place where the inquest, inquiry or magisterial inquiry was held or in such other office of a clerk of petty sessions as the Minister in writing may direct";
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Amendment of Act No. 17, 1899.  
Sec. 27A.  
(Issue of medical certificates of cause of death.)

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BY AUTHORITY:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES—1963

# New South Wales



ANNO DUODECIMO

## ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

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### Act No. 15, 1963.

An Act to make further provision with respect to inquests into deaths following the administration of anaesthetics; for this and other purposes to amend the Coroners Act, 1960, and the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 3rd April, 1963.]

**B**E it enacted by the Queen'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 the same, as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1963".

Short title  
and  
citation.

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*Coroners (Amendment).*


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(2) The Coroners Act, 1960, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Coroners Act, 1960-1963.

(3) The Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1899-1963.

Amendment  
of Act No.  
2, 1960.

2. The Coroners Act, 1960, is amended—

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diction,  
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(a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of section ten after the word "illness" the words  
" , absence from such place";

Sec. 11.  
(Inquests  
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(b) (i) by omitting from paragraph (f) of subsection one of section eleven the words "the administration" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words " , or within a period of twenty-four hours after, the administration to him";

(ii) by inserting in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subsection two of the same section after the word "under" the words "or within a period of twenty-four hours after the administration to him of";

(iii) by inserting in the same paragraph after the word "administration" the words "to him";

(iv) by inserting in paragraph (c) of subsection two of the same section after the word "under" the words "or within a period of twenty-four hours after the administration to him of";

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Act No. 15, 1963.

*Coroners (Amendment).*

- (c) (i) by inserting in paragraph (a) of section thirteen after the word "illness" the words " , absence from the place where he holds office or ordinarily acts as coroner"; Sec. 13. (Cases where coroner is not bound to hold an inquest or inquiry.)
- (ii) by inserting at the end of paragraph (b) of the same section the following word and new paragraph :—
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- (c) in the case of an inquest, he is satisfied that the cause of death arose at some other place than that at which he holds office or ordinarily acts as coroner and that on the ground of public convenience the inquest should be held by the coroner at that other place,
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BY AUTHORITY:

V. C. N. BLIGHT, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES—1963

*I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.*

ALLAN PICKERING,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 2 April, 1963.*

## New South Wales



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1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Coroners (Amendment) Act, 1963".

Short title  
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(2)

*I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.*

HOWARD T. FOWLES,  
*Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.*

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*Coroners (Amendment).*


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*In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to  
this Act.*

E. W. WOODWARD,  
Governor.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 3rd April, 1963.*