

DEFAMATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1978, No. 79

New South Wales



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Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Defamation (Amendment) Act, 1978".

Commence- **2.** (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the
ment. date of assent to this Act.

(2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on the day appointed and notified under section 2 (2) of the Police Regulation (Allegations of Misconduct) Act, 1978.

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Sec. 17A.
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In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

A. R. CUTLER,
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*Government House,
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Act No. 1078

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(b) The language in clause 2 (10) of Article 2 after the word "and" the words "or under section 32 (3) of Article 21 of the Public Education Law" shall be deleted.

In the year and in behalf of the Governor I now sign this Act.

ALBION CLAYTON

Governor

Government House

Albany, New York, September 10, 1978

BY AUTHORITY

JOHN W. WATSON, CLERK OF THE SENATE

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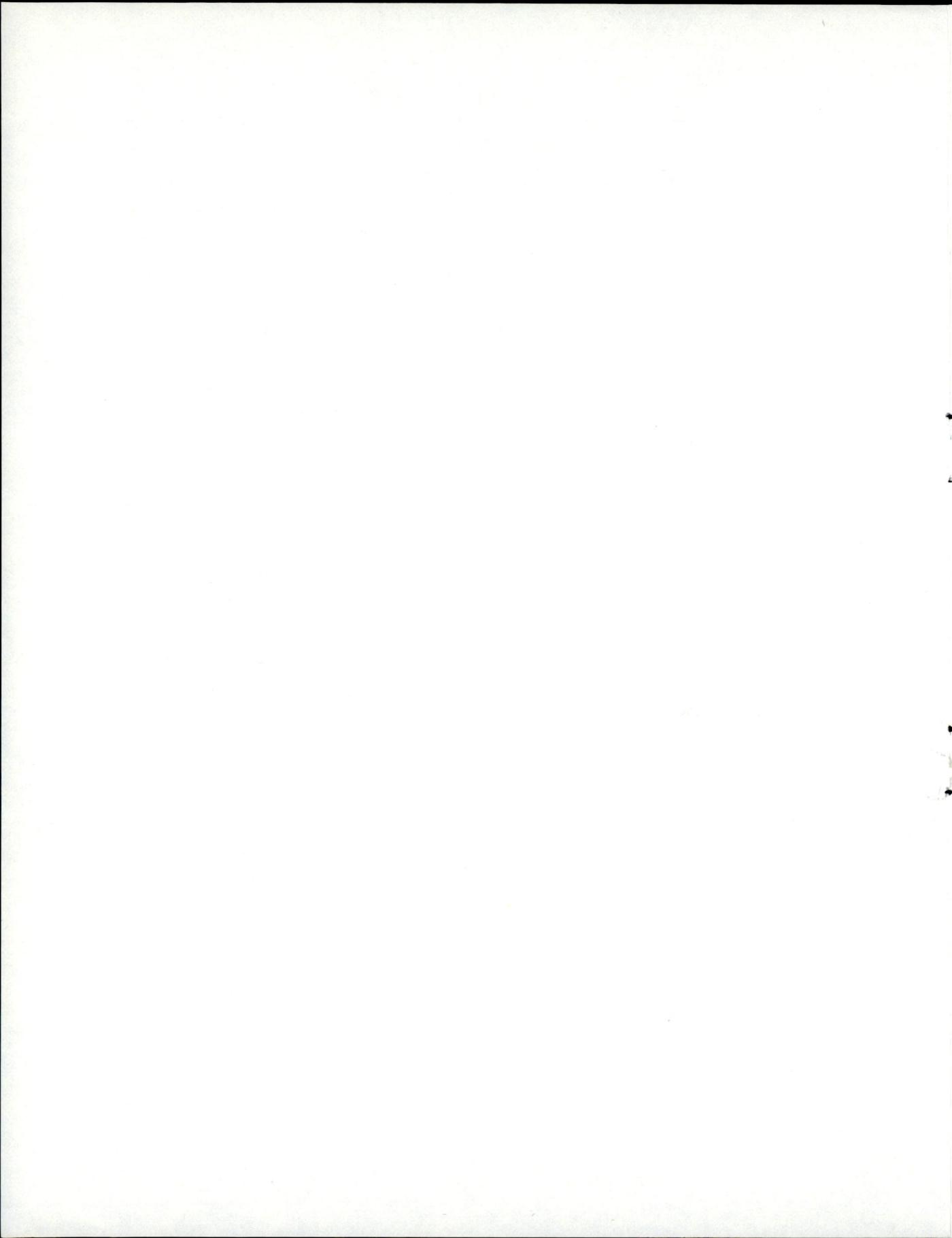
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