

**LAW REFORM (NERVOUS SHOCK)
AMENDMENT BILL, 1977**

No. , 1977.

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[MR F. J. WALKER—26 *October*, 1977.]

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(Extension
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

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