CRIMES (SUMMARY OFFENCES) AMENDMENT ACT, 1979, No. 72

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Act No. 72, 1979.

An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, consequentially upon the enactment of the Summary offences (Repeal) Act, 1979. [Assented to, 11th May, 1979.]

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Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

BE 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 :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment Act, 1979".

Commencement. 2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Schedules.

3. This Act contains the following Schedules :—

SCHEDULE 1.—AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900.

SCHEDULE 2.—Amendments to Part III of the Crimes Act, 1900.

SCHEDULE 3.—Amendments to Part IV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

SCHEDULE 4.—AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900.

SCHEDULE 5.—Amendments to Part XIV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

4. The Crimes Act, 1900, is amended in the manner set forth Amendment of Act No. 40, 1900.

SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 4.

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900.

- Section 1, matter relating to Part III— Omit "91D", insert instead "91B".
- (2) (a) Section 1, matter relating to Part X—Omit "357A", insert instead "357E".
 - (b) Section 1, matter relating to Part X— After "358.", insert :—
 - (4) Disposal of property in the custody of the police.—s. 358A.
- (3) (a) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III— After "animals", insert ", &c".
 - (b) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III— After "527.", insert :—
 - (5A) Obtaining money, &c., by false representation.—s. 527A.
 - (5B) Framing a false invoice.—s. 527B.
 - (5c) Persons unlawfully in possession of property. --s. 527c.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900-continued.

(c) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III-

After "546.", insert :---

- (E1) CONSORTING.—s. 546A.
- (E3) RESISTING, &C., POLICE.—s. 546C.

(d) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III-

After "547B.", insert :---

(I) PRYING.—s. 547c.

Sec. 4.

SCHEDULE 2.

Amendments to Part III of the Crimes Act, 1900.

(1) Section 91A—

After "any person", insert "(not being a prostitute)".

(2) Section 91D—

Omit the section.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 3.

Sec. 4.

Amendments to Part IV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

(1) Section 114 (1) (a)-

After "intent to", insert "commit an indictable offence or to".

(2) Section 114 (1) (a)— Omit "felony or".

SCHEDULE 4.

Sec. 4.

Amendments to Part X of the Crimes Act, 1900.

- (1) (a) Section 354 (1) (b)— Omit "or".
 - (b) Section 354 (1) (c)—Omit "offence,", insert instead "offence; or".
 - (c) Section 354 (1) (d)—

After section 354 (1) (c), insert :—

- (d) anything stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained,
- (d) Section 354 (8), definition of "premises"-
 - After "vessel", insert "(whether decked or undecked)".

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 4—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

(2) Sections 357B-357E-

After section 357A, insert :---

Interpretation. 357B. In sections 357c and 357D-

"police vessel" means a vessel ordinarily used by members of the police force in the execution of their duty;

"vessel" includes an undecked boat.

Police may board vessels. 357c. A member of the police force of or above the rank of sergeant or in charge of a police station or police vessel may at any time with as many members of the police force as he thinks necessary—

- (a) enter into any part of any vessel;
- (b) search and inspect the vessel;
- (c) take all necessary measures for preventing injury on the vessel to persons or damage to property by fire or otherwise; and
- (d) take all necessary measures for preserving peace and good order on the vessel or for preventing, detecting or investigating any offences that may be, or may have been, committed on the vessel.

357D. A member of the police force of or above the rank of sergeant or in charge of a police station or police vessel, may, for the purposes of enabling any powers conferred on members of the police force by this Act or any other law to be exercised, stop and detain any vessel in which he reasonably suspects—

(a) that an indictable offence has been or is about to be committed;

Police may stop and detain vessels.

SCHEDULE 4—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900continued.

(b) that there is a person who has committed an indictable offence or for whose arrest there is in force a warrant; or

(c) that there is any thing stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or any thing that has been used or is intended to be used in the commission of an indictable offence.

357E. A member of the police force may stop, search Police may and detain—

- (a) any person whom he reasonably suspects of and having or conveying any thing stolen or otherwise vehicles. unlawfully obtained or any thing used or intended to be used in the commission of an indictable offence; or
- (b) any vehicle in which he reasonably suspects there is any thing stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or any thing used or intended to be used in the commission of an indictable offence.

(3) Section 358A—

After section 358, insert :---

Disposal of property in the custody of the police.

358A. (1) A court may, on the application of any Disposal person, make an order that any property which is in the of property custody of a member of the police force in connection with of police. any offence whether punishable on indictment or summarily, be delivered to the person who appears to it to be lawfully entitled thereto.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 4—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

(2) If any property referred to in subsection (1) has not been delivered to the person lawfully entitled thereto, whether pursuant to an order under subsection (1) or otherwise, within one month after the determination of proceedings against a person for an offence with respect to the property, the property, if money, shall be paid to the Treasurer for payment into the Consolidated Revenue Fund or, if not money, may be sold by public auction and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid to the Treasurer for payment into that Fund.

(3) A person who is lawfully entitled to any property which has been dealt with in accordance with subsection (2) may recover the money or the proceeds of the sale, as the case may be, from the Treasurer.

(4) In subsection (1), "court" means—

- (a) where the value of the property, if not money, does not exceed \$2,000 or the property, if money, does not amount to more than \$2,000—the court of petty sessions for the district in which the property or money is held;
- (b) where the value of the property, if not money, exceeds \$2,000 but does not exceed \$20,000 or the property, if money, amounts to more than \$2,000 but does not amount to more than \$20,000—the District Court of New South Wales; or
- (c) where the value of the property, if not money, exceeds \$20,000 or the property, if money, amounts to more than \$20,000—the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 5.

Sec. 4.

Amendments to Part XIV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

(1) Section 501, short heading-

After "animals", insert ", &c".

(2) Sections 527A-527C-

After section 527, insert :---

Obtaining money, &c., by false representation.

527A. Any person who by any wilfully false represen-Obtaining tation obtains or attempts to obtain any money or valuable money, &c., by a wilfully thing, or any benefit, from another person, shall be liable false repreon conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to sentation. imprisonment for 6 months or to a fine of \$400.

Framing a false invoice.

527B. Any person who fraudulently prepares, causes to Framing a be prepared or produces an invoice, receipt or document false invoice. containing a false statement, with intent to induce the belief that any thing was not stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or to prevent any thing from being seized on suspicion of being stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or from being produced in evidence concerning an alleged offence, shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 3 months, or to a fine of \$200.

SCHEDULE 5—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART XIV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

Persons unlawfully in possession of property.

527c. (1) Any person who-

(a) has any thing in his custody;

- (b) has any thing in the custody of another person;
- (c) has any thing in or on premises, whether belonging to or occupied by himself or not, or whether that thing is there for his own use or the use of another; or
- (d) gives custody of any thing to a person who is not lawfully entitled to possession of the thing,

which thing may be reasonably suspected of being stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained, shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 6 months, or to a fine of \$400.

(2) It is a sufficient defence to a prosecution for an offence under subsection (1) if the defendant satisfies the court that he had no reasonable grounds for suspecting that the thing referred to in the charge was stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained.

(3) In this section, "premises" includes any structure, building, vehicle, vessel, whether decked or undecked, or place, whether built upon or not, and any part thereof.

Persons unlawfully in possession of property.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 5—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART XIV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

(3) Sections 546A-546C-

After section 546, insert :---

(E1) CONSORTING.

546A. Any person who habitually consorts with persons Consorting who have been convicted of indictable offences, if he knows with convicted that the persons have been convicted of indictable offences, persons. shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 6 months, or to a fine of \$400.

(E2) INTENT TO REPEAT INDICTABLE OFFENCE.

546B. (1) Any person who, having been convicted of Convicted an indictable offence, is found in or near any premises or persons found with public place with intent to commit an indictable offence intent to shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate commit offence. to imprisonment for 6 months, or to a fine of \$400.

(2) In this section, "premises" includes any structure, building, vehicle, vessel, whether decked or undecked, or place, whether built upon or not, and any part thereof.

(E3) RESISTING, &C., POLICE.

546c. Any person who resists or hinders or incites any Resisting, person to assault, resist or hinder a member of the police &c., police. force in the execution of his duty shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 3 months, or to a fine of \$200.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 5—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART XIV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900—continued.

(4) Section 547c—

After section 547B, insert :---

(I) PRYING.

Peeping or prying.

547c. Any person who is in, on or near a building without reasonable cause with intent to peep or pry upon another person shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 3 months, or to a fine of \$200.

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

A. R. CUTLER, Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 11th May, 1979.

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CRIMES (SUMMARY OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL, 1979

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Summary Offences (Repeal) Bill, 1979.

The objects of this Bill are to amend the Crimes Act, 1900 ("the Act") consequentially upon the repeal of the Summary Offences Act, 1970—

- (a) to confine the offence of procuring for prostitution in section 91A of the Act to that of procuring a person who is not already a prostitute (Schedule 2 (1));
- (b) to omit the offence created by section 91D of the Act of being employed in a brothel (Schedule 2 (2));
- (c) to expand section 114 (1) of the Act so as to provide that a person who is armed with any weapon or instrument with intent to commit an indictable offence, commits an offence (Schedule 3 (1));
- (d) to extend the grounds for obtaining a search warrant to the case where there is reasonable ground to believe that there is in or on any premises "anything stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained" (Schedule 4 (1));
- (e) to transfer from the Summary Offences Act, 1970, the provisions relating to—
 - (i) the powers of police to board, stop and detain vessels, and to stop and search persons and vehicles (Schedule 4 (2)); and
 - (ii) the procedure for disposal of property in the custody of the police (Schedule 4 (3));
- (f) to enact provisions with respect to the summary offences of-
 - (i) obtaining any money or valuable thing by a wilfully false representation (Schedule 5 (2));
 - (ii) framing a false invoice (Schedule 5 (2));
 - (iii) being unlawfully in possession of property (Schedule 5 (2));

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- (iv) consorting with persons who have been convicted of indictable offences (Schedule 5 (3));
- (v) being a convicted person found with intent to commit an offence (Schedule 5 (3));

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- (vi) resisting, etc., police (Schedule 5 (3));
- (vii) peeping or prying (Schedule 5 (4)); and

(g) to make other provisions of a minor or ancillary nature.

CRIMES (SUMMARY OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL, 1979

No. , 1979.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, consequentially upon the enactment of the Summary Offences (Repeal) Act, 1979.

[MR F. J. WALKER-19 April, 1979.]

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BE 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 :—

5 1. This Act may be cited as the "Crimes (Summary Offences) Short title. Amendment Act, 1979".

2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date Commenceof assent to this Act.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall10 commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

3. This Act contains the following Schedules :---

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SCHEDULE 1.—Amendments to Part I of the Crimes Act, 1900.

SCHEDULE 2.—Amendments to Part III of the Crimes Act, 1900.

SCHEDULE 3.—Amendments to Part IV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

- 20 SCHEDULE 4.—Amendments to Part X of the Crimes Act, 1900.
 - SCHEDULE 5.—Amendments to Part XIV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

4. The Crimes Act, 1900, is amended in the manner set forth Amendment of Act No. 40, 1900.

SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 4.

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900.

- 5 (1) Section 1, matter relating to Part III— Omit "91D", insert instead "91B".
 - (2) (a) Section 1, matter relating to Part X— Omit "357A", insert instead "357E".
 - (b) Section 1, matter relating to Part X-

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- After "358.", insert :---
 - (4) Disposal of property in the custody of the police.—s. 358A.
- (3) (a) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III—
 After "animals", insert ", &c".

(b) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III—After "527.", insert :—

- (5A) Obtaining money, &c., by false representation.—s. 527A.
- (5B) Framing a false invoice.—s. 527B.
- (5c) Persons unlawfully in possession of property. --s. 527c.

Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900-continued.

(c) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III-

After "546.", insert :---

- (E1) CONSORTING.—s. 546A.
- (E3) RESISTING, &C., POLICE.—s. 546C.

(d) Section 1, matter relating to Part XIV, Chapter III-

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After "547B.", insert :---

(I) **PRYING.**—*s.* 547C.

SCHEDULE 2.

Sec. 4.

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Amendments to Part III of the Crimes Act, 1900.

(1) Section 91A-

15 After "any person", insert "(not being a prostitute)".

(2) Section 91D-

Omit the section.

SCHEDULE 3.

Sec. 4.

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900.

(1) Section 114 (1) (a)-

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After "intent to", insert "commit an indictable offence or to".

(2) Section 114 (1) (a)— Omit "felony or".

SCHEDULE 4.

Sec. 4.

Amendments to Part X of the Crimes Act, 1900.

10 (1) (a) Section 354 (1) (b)-

Omit "or".

- (b) Section 354 (1) (c)—Omit "offence,", insert instead "offence; or".
- (c) Section 354 (1) (d)—

After section 354 (1) (c), insert :--

- (d) anything stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained,
- (d) Section 354 (8), definition of "premises"-

After "vessel", insert "(whether decked or undecked)".

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SCHEDULE 4—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900continued.

(2) Sections 357B-357E-

After section 357A, insert :---

357B. In sections 357c and 357D—

Interpretation.

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"police vessel" means a vessel ordinarily used by members of the police force in the execution of their duty;

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"vessel" includes an undecked boat.

357c. A member of the police force of or above the Police may rank of sergeant or in charge of a police station or police board vessel may at any time with as many members of the police force as he thinks necessary—

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- (a) enter into any part of any vessel;(b) search and inspect the vessel;
- (c) take all necessary measures for preventing injury on the vessel to persons or damage to property by fire or otherwise; and
- (d) take all necessary measures for preserving peace and good order on the vessel or for preventing, detecting or investigating any offences that may be, or may have been, committed on the vessel.

357D. A member of the police force of or above the Police may rank of sergeant or in charge of a police station or police stop and detain vessel, may, for the purposes of enabling any powers vessels. conferred on members of the police force by this Act or any other law to be exercised, stop and detain any vessel in which he reasonably suspects—

(a) that an indictable offence has been or is about to be committed;

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SCHEDULE 4—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900continued.

- (b) that there is a person who has committed an indictable offence or for whose arrest there is in force a warrant: or
- (c) that there is any thing stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or any thing that has been used or is intended to be used in the commission of an indictable offence.

357E. A member of the police force may stop, search Police may stop and and detain-

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- (a) any person whom he reasonably suspects of and having or conveying any thing stolen or otherwise vehicles. unlawfully obtained or any thing used or intended to be used in the commission of an indictable offence; or
- (b) any vehicle in which he reasonably suspects there is any thing stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or any thing used or intended to be used in the commission of an indictable offence.
- (3) Section 358A—

After section 358, insert :---

Disposal of property in the custody of the police.

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358A. (1) A court may, on the application of any Disposal person, make an order that any property which is in the of property custody of a member of the police force in connection with of police. any offence whether punishable on indictment or summarily, be delivered to the person who appears to it to be lawfully entitled thereto.

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Crimes (Summary Offences) Amendment.

SCHEDULE 4—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART X OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

(2) If any property referred to in subsection (1) has not been delivered to the person lawfully entitled thereto, whether pursuant to an order under subsection (1) or otherwise, within one month after the determination of proceedings against a person for an offence with respect to the property, the property, if money, shall be paid to the Treasurer for payment into the Consolidated Revenue Fund or, if not money, may be sold by public auction and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid to the Treasurer for payment into that Fund.

(3) A person who is lawfully entitled to any property which has been dealt with in accordance with subsection (2) may recover the money or the proceeds of the sale, as the case may be, from the Treasurer.

(4) In subsection (1), "court" means—

- (a) where the value of the property, if not money, does not exceed \$2,000 or the property, if money, does not amount to more than \$2,000—the court of petty sessions for the district in which the property or money is held;
- (b) where the value of the property, if not money, exceeds \$2,000 but does not exceed \$20,000 or the property, if money, amounts to more than \$2,000 but does not amount to more than \$20,000—the District Court of New South Wales; or
- (c) where the value of the property, if not money, exceeds \$20,000 or the property, if money, amounts to more than \$20,000—the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

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SCHEDULE 5.

Sec. 4.

Amendments to Part XIV of the Crimes Act, 1900.

(1) Section 501, short heading-

After "animals", insert ", &c".

> (2) Sections 527A-527C-

After section 527, insert :---

Obtaining money, &c., by false representation.

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527A. Any person who by any wilfully false represen-Obtaining tation obtains or attempts to obtain any money or valuable money, &c., by a wilfully thing, or any benefit, from another person, shall be liable false repreon conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to sentation. imprisonment for 6 months or to a fine of \$400.

Framing a false invoice.

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527B. Any person who fraudulently prepares, causes to Framing a be prepared or produces an invoice, receipt or document false invoice. containing a false statement, with intent to induce the belief that any thing was not stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or to prevent any thing from being seized on suspicion of being stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained or from being produced in evidence concerning an alleged offence, shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 3 months, or to a fine of \$200.

SCHEDULE 5—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART XIV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

Persons unlawfully in possession of property.

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- 527c. (1) Any person who-
 - (a) has any thing in his custody;

Persons unlawfully in possession of property.

- (b) has any thing in the custody of another person;
- (c) has any thing in or on premises, whether belonging to or occupied by himself or not, or whether that thing is there for his own use or the use of another; or
- (d) gives custody of any thing to a person who is not lawfully entitled to possession of the thing,

which thing may be reasonably suspected of being stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained, shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 6 months, or to a fine of \$400.

(2) It is a sufficient defence to a prosecution for an offence under subsection (1) if the defendant satisfies the court that he had no reasonable grounds for suspecting that the thing referred to in the charge was stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained.

(3) In this section, "premises" includes any structure, building, vehicle, vessel, whether decked or undecked, or place, whether built upon or not, and any part thereof.

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SCHEDULE 5—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART XIV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900 continued.

(3) Sections 546A-546c-

After section 546, insert :---

(E1) CONSORTING.

546A. Any person who habitually consorts with persons Consorting who have been convicted of indictable offences, if he knows with convicted that the persons have been convicted of indictable offences, persons. shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 6 months, or to a fine of \$400.

(E2) INTENT TO REPEAT INDICTABLE OFFENCE.

546B. (1) Any person who, having been convicted of Convicted an indictable offence, is found in or near any premises or found with public place with intent to commit an indictable offence intent to shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate commit offence. to imprisonment for 6 months, or to a fine of \$400.

(2) In this section, "premises" includes any structure, building, vehicle, vessel, whether decked or undecked, or place, whether built upon or not, and any part thereof.

(E3) RESISTING, &C., POLICE.

546c. Any person who resists or hinders or incites any Resisting, person to assault, resist or hinder a member of the police &c., police. force in the execution of his duty shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 3 months, or to a fine of \$200.

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SCHEDULE 5—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO PART XIV OF THE CRIMES ACT, 1900—continued.

(4) Section 547c—

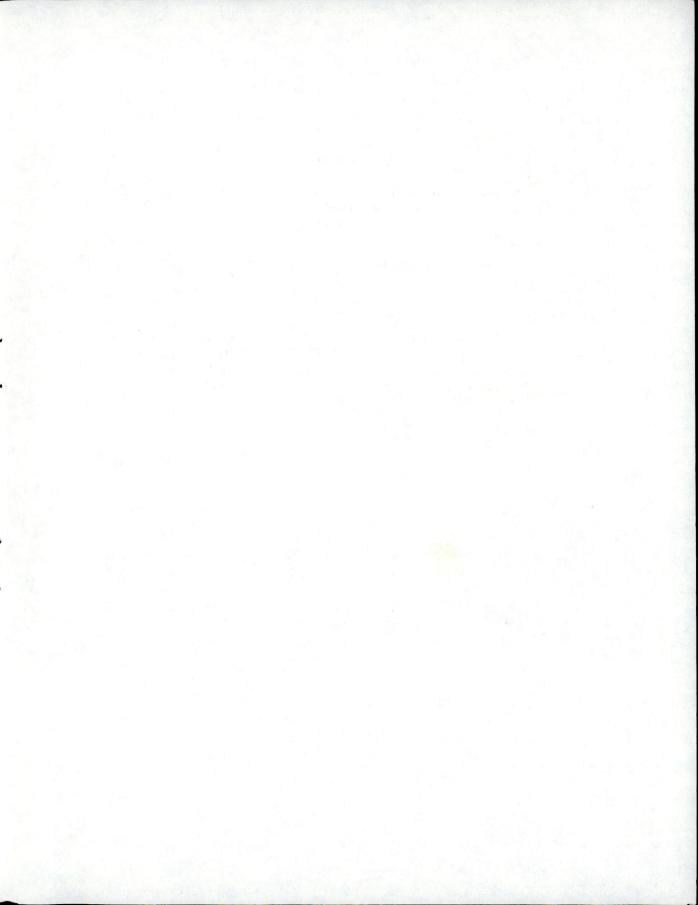
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After section 547B, insert :---

(I) PRYING.

547c. Any person who is in, on or near a building Peeping or without reasonable cause with intent to peep or pry upon prying. another person shall be liable on conviction before a stipendiary magistrate to imprisonment for 3 months, or to a fine of \$200.

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