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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

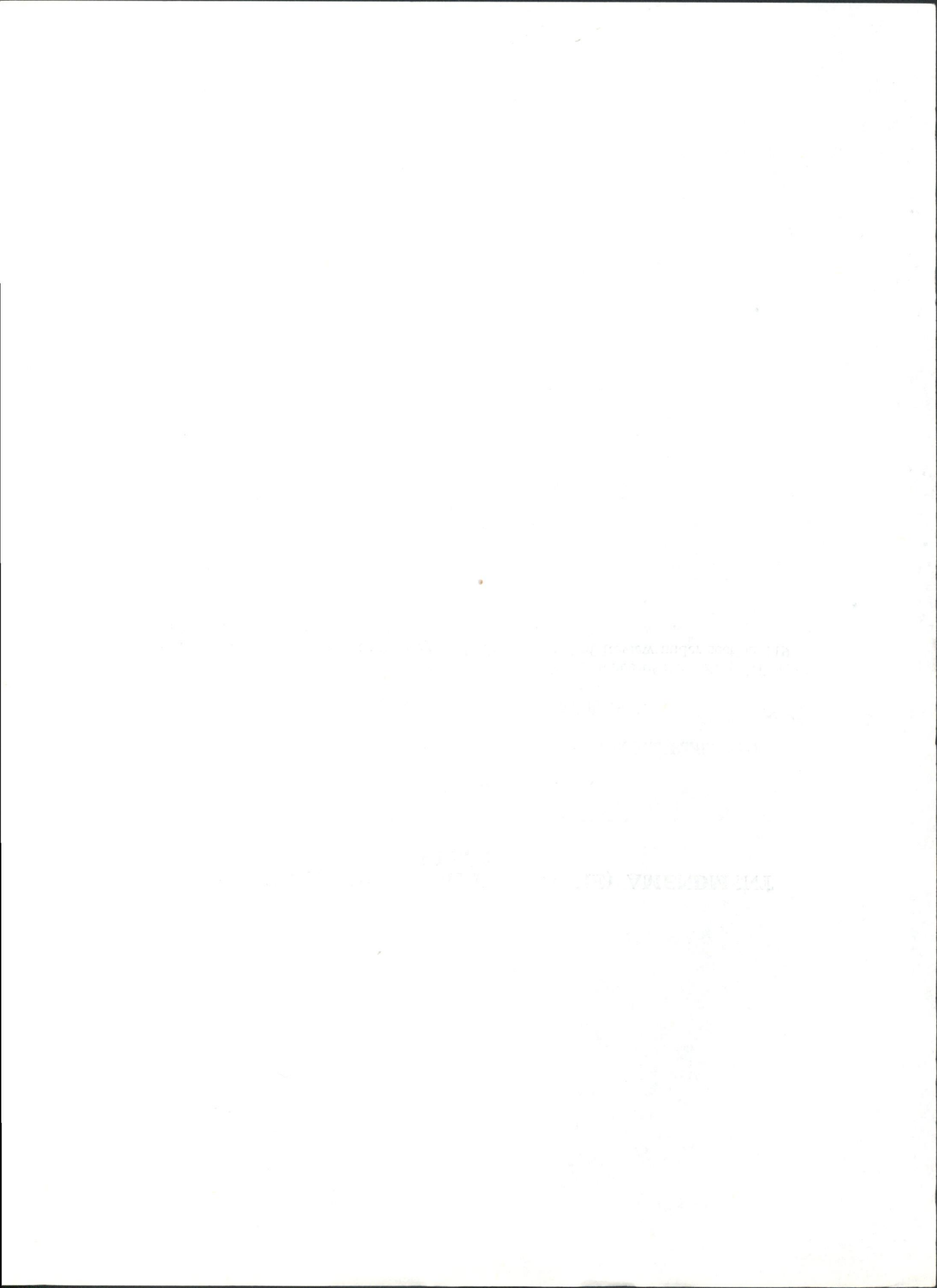
This Bill is cognate with the Community Welfare Bill, 1981.

The object of this Bill is to provide that there is a defence of absolute privilege to the publication of a report made by a Children's Board of Review under section 119 (4) of the proposed Community Welfare Act, 1981.

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Defamation (Community Welfare) 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:—

5 Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Defamation (Community Welfare) Amendment Act, 1981".

Commencement.

2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date of assent to 10 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 Community Welfare Act, 1981.

Amendment of Act No. 18, 1974.

15 3. The Defamation Act, 1974, is amended by inserting after section 17F the following section:—

Matters arising under Community Welfare Act, 1981.

17G. There is a defence of absolute privilege for the publication of a report made under section 119 (4) of the Community Welfare Act, 20 1981, by a Board of Review established under that Act.