

DEFAMATION (LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION)  
AMENDMENT ACT, 1979, No. 80

New South Wales



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Act No. 80, 1979.

An Act to provide a defence of absolute privilege to proceedings for defamation brought in respect of the publication of certain matters arising under the Legal Services Commission Act, 1979. [Assented to, 16th May, 1979.]

*Defamation (Legal Services Commission) 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 "Defamation (Legal Services Commission) Amendment Act, 1979".

Commence-      2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this Act shall  
ment.            commence on the date of assent to this Act.

(2) Section 3 shall commence on the day appointed and notified under section 2 (2) of the Legal Services Commission Act, 1979.

Amendment      3. The Defamation Act, 1974, is amended by inserting after  
of Act No.      section 17E the following section :—  
18, 1974.

Sec. 17F.

Matters  
arising  
under Legal  
Services  
Commission  
Act, 1979.

17F. There is a defence of absolute privilege for a publication to or by the Legal Services Commission of New South Wales constituted under the Legal Services Commission Act, 1979, an officer of that Commission or a committee established under that Act if the publication is made for the purpose of the execution or administration of that Act.

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

L. W. STREET,  
*By Deputation from  
His Excellency the Governor.*

*Government House,  
Sydney, 16th May, 1979.*

**DEFAMATION (LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION)  
AMENDMENT BILL, 1979**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Bill is cognate with the Legal Services Commission Bill, 1979.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Defamation Act, 1974, to provide a defence of absolute privilege to proceedings for defamation brought in respect of certain publications made for the purpose of the execution or administration of the proposed Legal Services Commission Act, 1979.

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**A BILL FOR**

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[MR F. J. WALKER—18 *April*, 1979.]

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5 **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Defamation (Legal Services Commission) Amendment Act, 1979". Short title.

**2.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this Act shall commence on the date of assent to this Act. Commencement.

(2) Section 3 shall commence on the day appointed and notified under section 2 (2) of the Legal Services Commission Act, 1979.

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

15 **17F.** There is a defence of absolute privilege for a publication to or by the Legal Services Commission of New South Wales constituted under the Legal Services Commission Act, 1979, an officer of that Commission or a committee established under that Act if the publication is made for the purpose of the execution or administration of that Act. Matters arising under Legal Services Commission Act, 1979.

BY AUTHORITY

D. WEST, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, NEW SOUTH WALES—1979