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Crimes Amendment (Emergency Workers) Bill 1996

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend section 58 of the *Crimes Act 1900*:

- (a) to extend the provisions of that section so as to include emergency workers, and
- (b) to increase the maximum penalty for an offence under that section from 5 years' imprisonment to 10 years' imprisonment.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Crimes Act 1900* set out in Schedule 1.

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Schedule 1 Amendments

Section 58 of the *Crimes Act 1900* creates (among other offences) the offence of assaulting, resisting or wilfully obstructing certain law enforcement officers and others. The section is amended to include a reference to personnel involved in fire fighting and ambulance services and other emergency workers as defined by the amendment.

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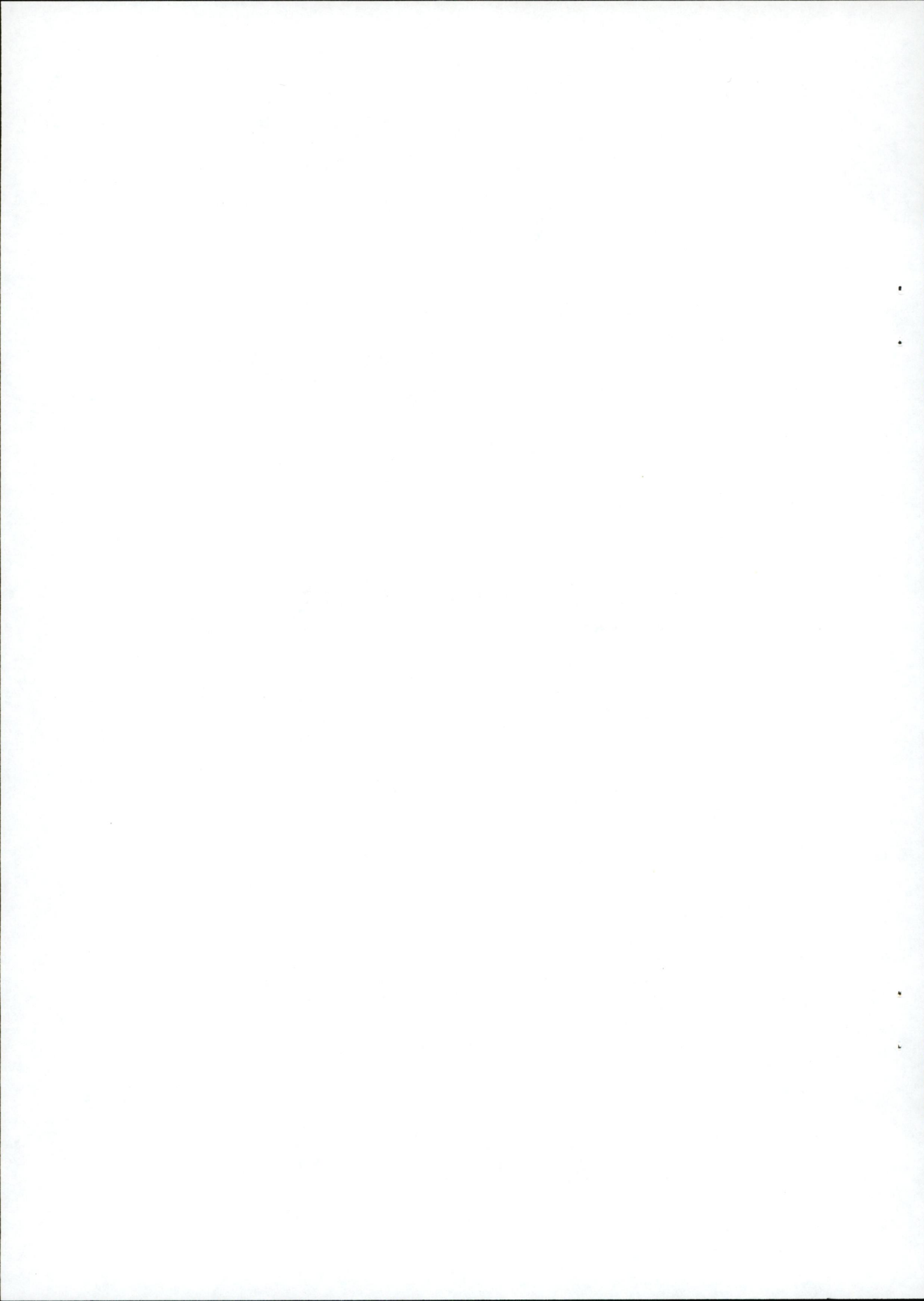


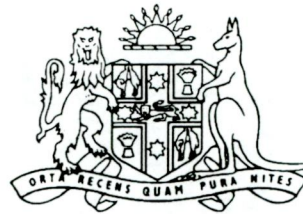
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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900* in relation to the assault and obstruction of emergency workers.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Crimes Amendment (Emergency Workers) Act 1996*.

2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent.

3 Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40

The *Crimes Act 1900* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Section 3)

[1] Section 58 Assault or obstruction of certain officers

Insert "or any emergency worker," after "bailiff,".

[2] Section 58

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Omit "5 years". Insert instead "10 years".

[3] Section 58 (2)

Insert at the end of section 58:

(2) In this section, *emergency worker* means:

- (a) the Commissioner of NSW Fire Brigades or any member of a permanent or volunteer fire brigade, or 10
- (b) any member of the Ambulance Service or any honorary ambulance officer, or
- (c) an emergency officer within the meaning of the *State Emergency Service Act 1989*, or 15
- (d) a person authorised for the purposes of Division 4 of Part 2 of the *State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989*.

