

*This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

W. S. MOWLE,  
*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 6 March, 1916.*

## New South Wales.



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Act No. , 1916.

**An Act to amend the Defamation Act, 1912.**

**B**E it enacted by the King'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:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Defamation (Amendment) Act, 1916."

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**2.**



*Defamation (Amendment).*

2. The Defamation Act, 1912, is amended as follows:—

Amendment  
of Defamation  
Act, 1912.

(a) The following section is inserted, and shall be read immediately after section fifteen :—

New section.

5           15A. Whosoever, by any writing, printing,  
 typewriting, drawing or other similar means,  
 publishes any offensive, abusive, or insulting  
 matter concerning any person shall be liable on  
 summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding  
 10           twenty pounds, and may in addition thereto,  
 or in substitution therefor, be required by the  
 adjudicating magistrate or justices to enter into  
 a recognizance, with or without sureties, to be of  
 good behaviour for a term not exceeding twelve  
 15           months, and in default of its being entered  
 into forthwith, may be imprisoned for any  
 period not exceeding six months, unless such  
 recognizance is sooner entered into: Provided  
 that no proceeding under this section shall be  
 20           maintainable on proof that the statement on  
 which such proceeding is based is true and  
 made in the public interest.

Penalty for  
publishing  
abusive or  
insulting  
matter.

(b) Section thirty-one is hereby repealed.

Repeal.