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ELIZABETHAE II REGINAE

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No. 20 of 1977

An Act to amend the Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Act,
1934-1976.

[Assented to 12th May, 1977]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Act Amendment Act, 1977".

(2) The Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Act, 1934-1976, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Act, 1934-1977".

Enactment of
s. 14a of
principal Act—

2. The following section is enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 14 thereof:—

Restriction
upon
prosecution
where
evidence of
offence given
before the
Royal
Commission.

14a. (1) Where a person in evidence or a submission to the Commission makes a statement tending to incriminate himself of an offence against this Act, no proceedings shall be commenced against him in respect of that offence except upon the authorization of the Attorney-General.

(2) An apparently genuine document purporting to be under the hand of the Attorney-General and to authorize the commencement of proceedings for an offence against this Act shall be accepted, in the absence of proof to the contrary, as proof of the authorization required by subsection (1) of this section.

(3) In this section—

"the Commission" means the Royal Commission into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

W. R. CROCKER, Lieutenant-Governor