

CRIMINAL CODE.

9° Elizabeth II., No. XXV.

No. 25 of 1960.

AN ACT to amend the Criminal Code.

[Assented to 21st October, 1960.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title
and citation.1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code Amendment Act, 1960.*Vol. 8 of the
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Acts.
Approved
for reprint
28th June,
1955.

(2) In this Act

“Code” means the Criminal Code set forth in the Schedule to the Criminal Code Act, 1913, set forth in Appendix B to the Criminal Code Act Compilation Act, 1913, Act No. 28 of 1913, as reprinted with

amendments to and including Act No. 73 of 1954 incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the Amendments Incorporation Act, 1938, and further amended by Acts Nos. 11 of 1956, 43 of 1956, 74 of 1956 and 50 of 1957.

2. Section three hundred and thirty-three of the principal Act is amended— S. 333 amended.

- (a) by substituting for the word, “misdemeanour” in line four, the word, “crime”; and
- (b) by substituting for the word, “three” in line five, the word, “ten.”

3. Section three hundred and forty-three of the Code is amended— S. 343 amended.

- (a) by substituting for the word, “fourteen” in line three, the word, “sixteen”;
- (b) by substituting for the words, “seven years” in line thirteen, the word, “life”; and
- (c) by deleting the passage, “, and if under the age of sixteen years, is also liable to whipping” in lines thirteen and fourteen.

4. The Code is amended by adding after section three hundred and forty-three the following section:— S. 343A added.

343A. (1) Any person who—

- (a) prints or publishes any report of an offence committed or alleged to have been committed under section three hundred and forty-three of the Code in any newspaper or other periodical, radio broadcast or telecast; or

Publication of report of child stealing unlawful unless approved.

- (b) so prints or so publishes any matter that has reference to the commission of the offence or the allegation that the offence has been committed; or
- (c) transmits any such report or matter to any person for the purpose of it being so printed or so published,

before the expiration of seven days from the date on which the offence was committed or alleged to have been committed or before the child in respect of whom the offence was committed or alleged to have been committed, is returned to the parent, guardian, or other person who has the lawful care or charge of the child, whichever event first happens, without the report or matter being first approved by the Commissioner of Police of the State, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for one year, or to a fine of Five hundred pounds.

(2) In this section the term "periodical" includes any review, magazine, or other writing or print published periodically.

(3) A prosecution for any of the offences defined in this section shall not be commenced unless authorised by the Attorney General in writing.
