

CORONERS.3^d Elizabeth II., No. IX.

No. 9 of 1954.

AN ACT to amend the Coroners Act, 1920.

[Assented to 6th September, 1954.]

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 *Coroners Act Amendment Act, 1954*.

(2) In this Act the Coroners Act, 1920, Act No. 24 of 1920 as amended by Act No. 10 of 1921,

is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Coroners Act, 1920-1954.

2. Section three of the principal Act is amended by adding after the interpretation "Medical practitioner" the following interpretation:— ^{S. 3 amended.}

"reckless or dangerous driving" means the offence constituted by section two hundred and ninety-one A of The Criminal Code.

3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section eleven of the principal Act is amended by— ^{S. 11 amended.}

- (a) deleting the word "or" in the second line;
- (b) adding after the word "manslaughter" in the second line the words "or as the result of reckless or dangerous driving".

4. Section fifteen of the principal Act is amended by substituting for paragraph (e) the following paragraph:— ^{S. 15 amended.}

- (e) if the Coroner's inquisition charges a person with any of the indictable offences mentioned in section sixteen of this Act and he is committed for trial, then if, upon the trial of the person so charged, it is proved that any person whose deposition has been taken in accordance with this Act, at the inquest, is dead, or out of the State or is so ill as not to be able to travel, and if the deposition purports to be signed by the Coroner by or before whom it purports to have been taken, the deposition may be read as evidence on the trial without further proof of it, unless it is proved that it was not in fact signed by the Coroner by whom it purports to be signed.

5. Subsection (2) of section sixteen of the principal Act is amended by adding after the word "property" in paragraph (b) the following:— ^{S. 16 amended.}

; or

- (c) reckless or dangerous driving, .

S. 17
amended.

6. Subsection (1) of section seventeen of the principal Act is amended by adding after the word "property" in paragraph (b) the following:—

; or

(c) reckless or dangerous driving, .

S. 19
amended.

7. Subsection (1) of section nineteen of the principal Act is amended by adding after the word "property" in paragraph (c) the following:—

; or

(d) reckless or dangerous driving, .

S. 43
amended.

8. Subsection (7) of section forty-three of the principal Act is amended by adding after the word "property" in paragraph (c) the following:—

; or

(d) reckless or dangerous driving, .

S. 44
amended.

9. Subsection (1) of section forty-four of the principal Act is amended by adding after the word "property" in line five the words "or with reckless or dangerous driving".
