

CHILD WELFARE.

No. 36 of 1976.

AN ACT to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1972.

[Assented to 9th June, 1976.]

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:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Child Welfare Act Amendment Act, 1976*. Short title and citation.

(2) In this Act the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1972 is referred to as the principal Act. Reprinted as approved for reprint 26th April, 1974.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1976.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the date on which the Justices Act Amendment Act, 1976 comes into operation.

Section 20B
amended.

3. Subsection (4) of section 20B of the principal Act is repealed and re-enacted as follows—

(4) Subject to subsection (3) of this section relating to penalty, and subject to any provision of this Act relating to the exclusion of persons from the court-room or place of hearing, or the restriction or prohibition on publication or disclosure of certain matters, where a person is charged before a court under this section the court is required to exercise such powers and jurisdiction only, as are conferred upon a Court of Petty Sessions in respect of a complaint for the offence alleged. .
