No. 44 of 1961


[Assented to 16th November, 1961.]

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Police Offences Act Amendment Act, 1961".

(2) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1960, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Police Offences Act, 1953-1961".

(3) The Police Offences Act, 1953-1960, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. The following section is inserted in the principal Act after section 58a thereof:

58b. (1) A person shall not sell, hire, offer or expose for sale or hire any refrigerator, ice-chest, or ice-box having in it a compartment of a capacity of one and one half cubic feet or more unless that compartment is so constructed or equipped that every door or lid thereof can be opened easily from the inside of the compartment when any lock or catch that can be operated from the outside of the compartment is fastened.

(2) In any prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) of this section it shall be a defence if the defendant proves that the refrigerator, ice-chest, or ice-box with respect to which the offence is alleged to have been committed, was manufactured in or imported into the State before the first day of January one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two.
(3) A person shall not place any of the following articles, that is to say, any refrigerator, ice-chest, ice-box, article of furniture, trunk or other similar article upon any dump, tip, sanitary depot, public reserve, public place or unfenced vacant land if that article has in it a compartment of a capacity of one and one half cubic feet or more unless before so placing that article that person has removed from the compartment every door and lid thereof or the locks and hinges thereof or has otherwise rendered every such door and lid incapable of being fastened: Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a person placing any of the said articles upon any public reserve, public place or unfenced vacant land for his own use while he is residing on that public reserve, public place or unfenced vacant land.

(4) After the making of regulations for the purposes of this subsection (which regulations the Governor is hereby empowered to make) a person shall not, except as prescribed sell, hire, offer or expose for sale or hire any prescribed domestic or commercial appliance or equipment, container or other article which is of such a kind or is so constructed that it might be dangerous to young children.

Penalty: Twenty-five pounds.

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

EDRIC BASTYAN, Governor.