PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (NOTIFICATION OF DISEASES) AMENDMENT ACT 1996

No. 14 of 1996

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

1. Short title
2. Commencement
3. Amendment of s. 30—Notification
An Act to amend the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987.

[Assented to 24 April 1996]

The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Short title

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Public and Environmental Health (Notification of Diseases) Amendment Act 1996.

(2) The Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 is referred to in this Act as "the principal Act".

Commencement

2. This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Amendment of s. 30—Notification

3. Section 30 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by striking out from subsection (1) "becomes aware that a person is suffering from a notifiable disease or has died from a notifiable disease the medical practitioner—" and substituting "or person of a class prescribed by regulation suspects that a person is suffering from or has died from a notifiable disease, the medical practitioner or person of a prescribed class—";

(b) by striking out from subsection (1)(a) "within five days of becoming so aware, report the existence of the disease" and substituting "within three days of forming that suspicion, report the case";

(c) by striking out subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:

(4) A medical practitioner (other than a person of a class prescribed by regulation) who suspects that a person is suffering from a notifiable disease is not required to make a report under subsection (1) with respect to that case if the practitioner knows or reasonably believes that a report has already been made to the Commission by another medical practitioner who is or who has been responsible for the treatment of that person.;
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(d) by inserting in subsection (5) "or person of a class prescribed by regulation" after "A medical practitioner";

(e) by striking out subsection (7).

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

ROMA MITCHELL Governor