

Act No. 131

**OFFENCES IN PUBLIC PLACES (FURTHER  
AMENDMENT) BILL 1987**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Offences in Public Places Act 1979 so as to make it an offence for a person to have in his or her custody an offensive implement in a public place.

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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence on a day to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 inserts into the Principal Act proposed section 11A, which makes it an offence for a person to have in his or her custody in a public place, without reasonable excuse, an offensive implement. An offensive implement is defined as anything made or adapted for use for causing injury to any person or intended by a person having it in his or her custody to be used to injure or menace any person or damage any property. The provision enables a court to order forfeiture of the offensive implement in addition to fining or imprisoning a person guilty of the offence.

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