

## MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987

NEW SOUTH WALES



### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Motor Dealers (Amendment) Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Motor Vehicle Repairs Act 1980 to empower members of the Police Force to enter premises where a person carries on a business for which a licence is held or required under that Act in order to search for and obtain information relating to stolen motor vehicles, parts and accessories.

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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (1) empowers a member of the Police Force to enter a place where a business licensed or required to be licensed under the Act is carried on and to search for and obtain information relating to stolen motor vehicles, parts and accessories. The power cannot be used to enter unlicensed premises which are residential premises unless a search warrant is obtained under the provision referred to in Schedule 1 (2) below. "Stolen" is defined to include unlawfully obtained.

Schedule 1 (2) authorises the granting of a search warrant to empower Police to enter unlicensed premises which are residential premises to search for stolen vehicles etc.

Schedule 1 (3) (a) and (b) are consequential amendments.

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Schedule 1 (3) (c) makes it an offence to conceal or attempt to conceal motor vehicles, parts and accessories for which Police are entitled to search under the proposed new power.

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