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## No. 1319.

An Act to exempt Young Children from the requirements of the Vaccination Acts, 1882 to 1911, and for other purposes.

*[Assented to, November 15th, 1917.]*

**B**E 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 alone as the "Compulsory Vaccination Exemption Act, 1917." Short titles.

(2) The Vaccination Act, 1882, the Act No. 554 of 1892, being an Act to amend the last-mentioned Act, the Abolition of Compulsory Vaccination Act, 1906, and this Act, may be cited together as the "Vaccination Acts, 1882 to 1917."

**2.** This Act is incorporated with the other Acts mentioned in section 1 of this Act, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation with other Acts.

**3.** Notwithstanding anything in any of the Acts incorporated with this Act, section 9 of the Vaccination Act, 1882, shall not apply— Obligation to vaccinate children within six months after birth abolished.

(a) in respect of any child born before the passing of this Act, or

(b) in respect of any child born on or after the day of the passing of this Act.

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Governor may suspend operation of section 3 (b).

4. The Governor may, on the breaking out of smallpox in this State or in any other State of the Commonwealth, by proclamation suspend the operation of subdivision (b) of section 3 of this Act from such date and for such period as is specified in the proclamation, and either in respect of the whole of the State or any part or parts thereof specified in the proclamation, and the said subdivision (b) shall thereupon cease to operate according to the tenor of the proclamation: Provided that such suspension shall not be construed so as to render any person liable to any penalty under the Vaccination Act, 1882, for any act or omission occurring before the making of the proclamation.

Governor may order general vaccination of contacts.

Cf. 761, 1901, s. 2 (part).

5. (1) The Governor may, on the breaking out of smallpox in this State, or in any other State of the Commonwealth, by proclamation require all persons who have been contacts with a case of smallpox to be vaccinated or revaccinated within such time as is specified in the proclamation.

(2) Any person to whom such proclamation applies who fails to become vaccinated or revaccinated within the time specified in such proclamation, or who fails to have any child in his custody to whom such proclamation applies vaccinated or revaccinated within such time, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Ten Shillings for every day after the expiration of such time during which such failure continues.

Vaccination officer may order vaccination of contacts in certain cases.

6. (1) The vaccination officer may, whenever a case of smallpox occurs in the State, by notice in writing addressed to all persons who have been contacts with such case of smallpox, require such persons to be vaccinated or revaccinated within such time as is specified in such notice.

(2) Any person to whom any such notice is addressed who fails to become vaccinated or revaccinated within the time specified in such notice, or who fails to have any child in his custody mentioned in such notice vaccinated or revaccinated within such time, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Ten Shillings for every day after the expiration of such time during which such failure continues.

Cf. Health Act, 1898, s. 168.

(3) Any notice under this section may be served by post, or by delivering the same to the person to whom notice is desired to be given, or by leaving the same at his last known or most usual place of abode or business with some adult person.

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

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.