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ELIZABETHAE II REGINAE

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No. 96 of 1985

An Act to amend the Evidence Act, 1929.

[Assented to 1 November 1985]

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

Short title.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Evidence Act Amendment Act, 1985".

(2) The Evidence Act, 1929, is in this Act referred to as "the principal Act".

Commencement.

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

3. Section 18a of the principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

Abolition of right to make unsworn statement.

18a. (1) A person charged with an offence is not entitled to make at the trial for the offence any unsworn statement of fact in defence of the charge.

(2) This section applies in relation to any trial commencing after the commencement of the Evidence Act Amendment Act, 1985, whether the charge was laid before or after the commencement of that Act.

(3) This section, as in force immediately before the commencement of the Evidence Act Amendment Act, 1985, applies in relation to any trial commenced before the commencement of that Act.

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

D. B. DUNSTAN, Governor