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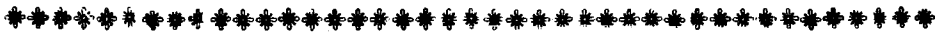


1899.

ANNO SEXAGESIMO-TERTIO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 5.



AN ACT to further amend the Law relating to Offences against the Person. A.D. 1899.

[29 September, 1899.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law relating to Offences against the Person : PREAMBLE.

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

1 This Act may be cited as “ The Offences against the Person Act, 1899.” Short title.

2 Sections Nine to Thirteen inclusive, and Sections Fifty-nine to Sixty-one inclusive of the Act of the Parliament of *Tasmania*, 27 *Victoria*, No. 5, are hereby repealed, except as to anything heretofore duly done thereunder, and except as far as may be necessary for the purpose of supporting and continuing any proceeding taken, or of prosecuting or punishing any person for any offence committed before the passing of this Act. Repeal. 27 Vict. No 5.

Attempts to Murder.

3 Whosoever shall administer to, or cause to be administered to or to be taken by, any person any poison or other destructive thing, or shall by any means whatsoever wound or cause any grievous bodily harm to any person, with intent in any of the cases aforesaid to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for Life. Administering poison or wounding with intent to Murder.

Offences against the Person.

A.D. 1899.

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 Destroying or
 damaging a
 building with
 gunpowder with
 intent to Murder.

Setting fire to or
 casting away a
 ship with intent
 to Murder.

4 Whosoever, by the explosion of gunpowder or other explosive substance, shall destroy or damage any building with intent to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for Life.

5 Whosoever shall set fire to any ship or vessel, or any part thereof, or any part of the tackle, apparel, or furniture thereof, or any goods or chattels being therein, or shall cast away or destroy any ship or vessel, with intent in any of such cases to commit Murder, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for Life.

Attempting to
 administer poison,
 or shooting or at-
 tempting to shoot,
 or attempting to
 drown, &c., with
 intent to Murder.

6 Whosoever shall attempt to administer to, or shall attempt to cause to be administered to, or to be taken by, any person any poison or other destructive thing, or shall shoot at any person, or shall, by drawing a trigger or in any other manner, attempt to discharge any kind of loaded arms at any person, or shall attempt to drown, suffocate, or strangle any person, with intent, in any of the cases aforesaid, to commit Murder, shall, whether any bodily injury be effected or not, be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for Life.

By any other
 means attempting
 to commit
 Murder.

7 Whosoever shall, by any means other than those specified in any of the preceding Sections of this Act, attempt to commit Murder shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for Life.

Unnatural Offences.

Sodomy.

8 Whosoever shall be convicted of the abominable crime of Buggery, committed either with mankind or with any animal, shall be liable to be imprisoned for Life.

Attempt to
 commit an
 infamous crime.

9 Whosoever shall attempt to commit the said abominable crime, or shall be guilty of any assault with intent to commit the same, or of any indecent assault upon any male person, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding Ten years.

Definition of
 Incest.

10 Any person, being related either as parent and child or brother and sister, who shall commit fornication with each other shall be deemed to have been guilty of the crime of Incest.

Incest.

11 Whosoever shall be convicted of the crime of Incest shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding Seven years, with hard labour.

This Act to
 be read with
 27 Vict. No. 5.

12 This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with the said Act of the 27th *Victoria*, No. 5, and shall be read and construed as if this Act and the said Act, save as altered or amended by this Act, were one Act.