

No. 5714.

An Act to prohibit the Manufacture and Preparation of Heroin.

[25th November, 1953.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Poisons (Heroin) Act* 1953 and shall be read and construed as one with the *Poisons Act* 1928 (hereinafter called the Principal Act) and the Acts amending the same which Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Poisons Acts.

Short title
construction
and citation.

Nos. 3748,
3918, 5534.

2. (1) Any person who manufactures or prepares or takes any part in the manufacture or preparation of heroin shall be guilty of an offence against the Principal Act and liable for a first offence to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds and for a second or any subsequent offence to a penalty of not more than Two hundred pounds or to be imprisoned for a term of not more than one year.

Prohibition of
manufacture or
preparation of
heroin.

(2) In this section "heroin" means diacetylmorphine (also known as diamorphine) and its salts.

Interpretation
of "heroin".

Comp. No. 3748
Second
Schedule
Item 17.

(3) This section shall not apply to the manufacture or preparation of heroin for educational experimental or research purposes—

Saving.

(a) in any university school or institution approved by the Governor in Council; and

(b) under and subject to such conditions as the Governor in Council imposes in the case of any such approved university school or institution.

(4) The provisions of section seventy-four of the Principal Act shall extend and apply to and with respect to the foregoing provisions of this section in the same way as they apply to and with respect to the provisions of Parts II., III. and IV. of the Principal Act.

Powers of
inspection.

No. 5715.