

## **POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

THIS Bill makes it an offence to sell or give or otherwise dispose of a contraceptive to a child under 16, or to offer to do any of those things. It also makes it an offence to instruct or persuade any child under 16 to use any contraceptive, or to attempt to do either of those things. It also makes it an offence for a child under 16 to procure or attempt to procure a contraceptive, knowing its purpose.

*Hon. Mr Bowden*

## POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

Title.	
1. Short Title.	2. Sale or disposal of contraceptives to children.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Police Offences Act 1927. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Police Offences Amendment Act 1954, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Police Offences Act 1927. Short Title.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. II, p. 500

2. (1) Every person commits an offence who—
- 10 (a) Sells or gives or otherwise disposes of any contraceptive to any child under the age of sixteen years, or offers to sell or give or otherwise dispose of any contraceptive to any child under that age; or
- 15 (b) Instructs or persuades or attempts to instruct or persuade any child under the age of sixteen years to use any contraceptive.
- Sale or disposal of contraceptives to children.

(2) Every person who commits an offence against subsection *one* of this section is liable on summary conviction—

- (a) In the case of a first offence, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds: 5
- (b) In the case of a second or any subsequent offence, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(3) Every child under the age of sixteen years who procures or attempts to procure any contraceptive, knowing its purpose, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction— 10

- (a) In the case of a first offence, to have a conviction recorded against him: 15
- (b) In the case of a second or any subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding two pounds.