

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1926-1936.

BEING

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1926, No. 1755 OF 1926
[ASSENTED TO 9TH DECEMBER, 1926.]

AS AMENDED BY

STATUTE LAW REVISION ACT, 1936, No. 2293 OF 1936
[ASSENTED TO 8TH OCTOBER, 1936.]

An Act to provide for the early notification of births.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the "Notification of Births Act, 1926-1936." Short title.

2. In this Act—

"local board of health" means a local board of health constituted under the Health Act, 1935:

"Central Board of Health" means the Central Board of Health as constituted under the Health Act, 1935:

"district" means the area under the jurisdiction of a local board of health.

Interpretation.

Amended by
S.L.R. Act,
1936.

3. (1) In each case of the birth of any child the father, if actually residing in the house where the birth takes place at the time of its occurrence, or any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, shall give notice in writing of such birth to the local board of health for the district in which such birth shall take place, and such local board shall immediately report the same to the Central Board of Health.

Provision for
the earlier
notification
of births.

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1 Edw. 8
c. 49, s. 203.

(2) Such notice shall be given by delivering the same at the office of the local board of health, or by posting a pre-paid letter, letter card, or post card, addressed to the local board of health. The notice shall be delivered or posted within thirty-six hours after the birth, or some longer period as determined for any district by regulation.

Amended by
S.L.R. Act,
1936.

(3) Any local board of health shall supply without charge cards or other documents enclosed in addressed envelopes and containing the prescribed form of notice to any medical practitioner or midwife who applies for the same.

(4) Any person who fails to give notice in accordance with this Act of any such birth shall, on conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding one pound: Provided that a person shall not be liable to prosecution under this section if he satisfies the local board of health that he had reasonable grounds for not notifying the said local board of health within the specified time.

(5) The notification required to be made under this Act shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any notice required by any Act relating to the registration of births.

(6) This section shall apply to any child who has issued forth from its mother after the expiration of the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy whether alive or dead.

Summary
proceedings
for offences.

4. (1) All proceedings under this Act shall be disposed of summarily.

(2) Penalties for any offence under this Act shall be recovered summarily.

Power to
make
regulations.

5. The Governor may make regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Regulations.

The following regulations were in force under this Act on 24th May, 1937:—

Gazette—22nd December, 1927, p. 1611.