CRIMES (POWERS OF ARREST) AMENDMENT ACT, 1985, No. 27

New South Wales

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Act No. 27, 1985.

An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, with respect to the arrest of prisoners unlawfully at large. [Assented to, 22nd April, 1985.]
BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Crimes (Powers of Arrest) Amendment Act, 1985".

Amendment of Act No. 40, 1900.

2. The Crimes Act, 1900, is amended by inserting after section 352 the following section:—

Arrest of prisoners unlawfully at large.

352AA. (1) Any constable may, without warrant, apprehend any person whom the constable, with reasonable cause, suspects of being a prisoner unlawfully at large and take the person before—

(a) a Magistrate; or

(b) a Justice employed in the Local Courts Administration, Attorney General's Department,

who may, by warrant, commit the person to prison, there to be kept in custody under the same authority, and subject to the same conditions and with the benefit of the same privileges and entitlements, as would have applied in respect of the person had the person not been at large.

(2) A reference in subsection (1) to a prisoner unlawfully at large is a reference to a person who is at large (whether by reason of having escaped from lawful custody or otherwise) at a time when the person is required by law to be in custody in prison.