

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

No. 9 of 1949.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905 of the State of New South Wales, in its application to the Territory, as amended by Ordinance.

BE it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909-1938* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1947*, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Ordinance 1949*.* Short title.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears— Definition.
“the Act” means the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905, of the State of New South Wales, in its application to the Territory, as amended by the *Juvenile Offenders Ordinance 1941*.

3. Section five of the Act is amended— Interpretation.
 - (a) by inserting in paragraph (c) of the definition of “Neglected child”, after the word “or” (second occurring), the word “habitually”;
 - (b) by omitting paragraph (d) of the definition of “Neglected child” and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—
“(d) who, without reasonable excuse, is not provided with sufficient and proper food, nursing, clothing, medical aid or lodging, or who is ill-treated or exposed; or”;
 - (c) by omitting paragraphs (g) and (h) of the definition of “Neglected child” and inserting in their stead the following paragraph:—
“(g) whose parents are drunkards, or, if one be dead, insane, unknown, undergoing imprisonment, or not exercising proper care of the child, whose other parent is a drunkard; or”;

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 29th September, 1949.

(*d*) by inserting in paragraph (*j*) of the definition of “Neglected child”, after the word “lapsing”, the words “or likely to lapse”; and

(*e*) by inserting after paragraph (*j*) of the definition of “Neglected child” the following paragraphs:—

“(*k*) who is under incompetent or improper guardianship ; or

(*l*) who is destitute ; or

(*m*) whose parents are unfit to retain the child in their care, or, if one parent be dead, insane, unknown, undergoing imprisonment, or not exercising proper care of the child, whose other parent is unfit to retain the child in his care ; or

(*n*) who is suffering from venereal disease and is not receiving adequate medical attention ;

(*o*) who is falling into bad associations or is exposed to moral danger ; or

(*p*) who, without lawful excuse, does not attend school regularly.”.

Dated this eighth day of September, 1949.

W. J. McKELL

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

VICTOR JOHNSON

Minister of State for the Interior.