

Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Bill is to provide an amplification of the present local Statutory Law dealing with cruelty to children.

Under the present section 26 of The Offences against the Person Ordinance, 1865, abandonment or exposure of a child under the age of two years by which the life of the child is endangered or its health likely to be permanently injured is punishable with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years.

There is also no doubt that, under the Common Law which obtains in the Colony, it would be possible to proceed, in some cases, against persons guilty of serious cruelty to children but not only is the procedure under the Common Law more cumbrous than when the principles are concisely contained in an Ordinance but also there may exist instances in which the Common Law affords unsatisfactory loopholes for escape.

The provisions of this Bill are intended to remedy both these defects and they provide that any adult who wilfully assaults or neglects a child or young person so as to cause it unnecessary suffering or injury shall be duly punishable.

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Attorney General.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 100.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted against Hongkong.

Place or Port.	Nature of Measures.	Date.	Reference to Government Notification.
Singapore.	Hongkong declared an infected port on account of Small-pox.	4th April, 1913.	No. S. 85

No. S. 101.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted by Hongkong.

Disease.	Port or Place.	Restrictions in Force.	Authority.
Small-pox.	Hoihow.	Medical examination; quarantine at the discretion of the Health Officer.	Proclamation No. 1 dated 3rd January, 1913.
Plague.	Pakhoi.	Do.	Proclamation No. 4 dated 28th February, 1913.

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