

Draft Bill.

No. S. 495.—The following Bill is published for general information:—

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A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1935.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the **Dangerous Drugs Amendment Ordinance, 1939.**

Addition of new section 18A to Ordinance No. 35 of 1935.

2. The Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1935, is amended by the insertion of the following new section after section 18 thereof:—

Disposal of fines and estreated bail.

18A. All fines under this Ordinance, and any bail in respect of any charge under this Ordinance, which may be estreated by the Court or a magistrate, shall be paid into a special account and may be disposed of as the Governor may direct.

Objects and Reasons.

1. Authority has been obtained from the Secretary of State for the payment of fines and estreated bail in dangerous drug cases into a special account. Present legislation only authorizes such payment in cases arising under the Opium Ordinance, 1932, (*see* Ordinance No. 7 of 1932, s. 41).

2. The object of this Bill is to authorize the same procedure for disposal of fines and estreated bail in cases arising under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1935, as is at present followed in cases arising under the Opium Ordinance, 1932, but in the new section of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance the words “the Court or” are inserted before the words “a magistrate” to cover any case in which the bail may be estreated by the Supreme Court and not by a magistrate.

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