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*(Brought in by the Honourable William Michael Hodgman, QC)*

## **A BILL FOR**

### **An Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1924***

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

#### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code Amendment (Concealing Crimes) Act 2002*.

#### **Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

#### **Principal Act**

3. In this Act, the *Criminal Code Act 1924*\* is referred to as the Principal Act.

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\*No. 69 of 1924

## **Section 102A inserted**

4. After section 102 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted:

### **Concealing Crimes**

**102A.** (1) If a person has committed a crime and another person who knows or believes that the crime has been committed and that he or she has information which might be of material assistance in securing the apprehension of the offender or the prosecution or conviction of the offender for it fails without reasonable excuse to bring that information to the attention of a police officer or other appropriate authority, that other person is guilty of a crime.

Charge:

Concealing a crime.

(2) A prosecution for a crime under subsection (1) is not to be commenced against a person without the approval of the Attorney General if the knowledge or belief that the crime has been committed was formed or the information referred to in the subsection was obtained by the person in the course of practising or following a profession, calling or vocation including:

- (a) a legal practitioner;
- (b) a medical practitioner;
- (c) a psychologist;
- (d) a nurse;
- (e) a social worker, including:
  - (i) a support worker for victims of crime; and
  - (ii) a counsellor who treats persons for emotional or psychological conditions suffered by them;
- (f) a member of the clergy of any church or religious denomination;  
and
- (g) a researcher for professional or academic purposes.