

CLAUSE NOTES

Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill 2016

- Clause 1:** Provides that the Act is to be cited as the *Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 2015*.
- Clause 2:** Provides that the *Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 2015* commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- Clause 3:** Provides that the *Misuse of Drugs Act 2001* is the Principal Act.
- Clause 4:** Inserts in Part 5 of the Principal Act a new section 38A which provides the Commissioner of Police with power to exempt, by instrument in writing, a specified person from any provision of the *Misuse of Drugs Act 2001*.
- The exemption may be granted for a specific period, not exceeding 3 years.
- The exemption expires either at the end of the period for which it has been granted, or when the exemption is revoked, whichever occurs first.
- The exemption may be made subject to such conditions, if any, as the Commissioner of Police thinks fit.
- The Commissioner of Police may vary or revoke the exemption or any of its conditions.
- Clause 5:** Provides that this amending Act expires after one year.