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**POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF  
BEGGING) BILL 2019**

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# **POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF BEGGING) BILL 2019**

*(Brought in by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency  
Management, the Honourable Mark David Shelton)*

## **A BILL FOR**

**An Act to amend the *Police Offences Act 1935* to repeal the  
offence of begging and to amend the powers of police to  
disperse persons**

Be it enacted by Her 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:

### **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Police Offences  
Amendment (Repeal of Begging) Act 2019*.

### **2. Commencement**

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

### **3. Principal Act**

In this Act, the *Police Offences Act 1935*\* is  
referred to as the Principal Act.

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\*No. 44 of 1935

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**4. Section 8 amended (Obscene and wilful exposure, &c.)**

Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsections (1) and (1AA).

**5. Section 15B amended (Dispersal of persons)**

Section 15B of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (c) in subsection (1):

(ca) by, or in the course of, or in connection with, begging in that place has –

(i) intimidated, or harassed, a person; or

(ii) prevented or deterred persons from entering, or the conduct of, a business that is in, or in the vicinity of, the place; or

(iii) prevented or deterred persons from using a public facility that is in, or in the vicinity of, the place; or

(b) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (1):

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(1A) For the purposes of  
subsection (1)(ca) –

***public facility*** includes –

- (a) a toilet or shower  
facility; and
- (b) a barbeque facility;  
and
- (c) playground  
equipment; and
- (d) a structure for the  
provision of shelter;  
and
- (e) a parenting room;  
and
- (f) a water fountain.

**6. Repeal of Act**

This Act is repealed on the first anniversary of  
the day on which it commenced.