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Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025

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I certify that this public bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Assembly,
Sydney,*

, 2025



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Act No , 2025

An Act to amend the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002* in relation to the power of police officers to give directions to persons in or near places of worship.

I have examined this bill and find it to correspond in all respects with the bill as finally passed by both Houses.

Assistant Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment (Places of Worship) Act 2025*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 No 103

[1] Section 200 Limitation on exercise of police powers under this Part

Omit “subsection (3), (4) or (5)” from section 200(2).

Insert instead “subsection (3) or (4) or section 200AA”.

[2] Section 200(5)

Omit the subsection.

[3] Section 200AA

Insert after section 200—

200AA Directions in relation to places of worship

A police officer is not precluded from giving a direction under this part in relation to a demonstration, protest, procession or assembly if—

- (a) the demonstration, protest, procession or assembly—
 - (i) is occurring in or near a place of worship, within the meaning of the *Crimes Act 1900*, section 214B(4), and
 - (ii) involves persons doing any of the following—
 - (A) intentionally blocking, impeding or hindering a person accessing or leaving, or attempting to access or leave, the place of worship,
 - (B) harassing, intimidating or threatening a person accessing or leaving, or attempting to access or leave, the place of worship, and
- (b) the demonstration, protest, procession or assembly—
 - (i) is not an authorised public assembly for the purposes of the *Summary Offences Act 1988*, Part 4, or
 - (ii) is not being held substantially in accordance with an authorisation under that part, and
- (c) if the demonstration, protest, procession or assembly is occurring in, or on the premises of, a place of worship—the demonstration, protest, procession or assembly is not in accordance with the consent or authority of the person apparently in charge of the place of worship, and
- (d) the demonstration, protest, procession or assembly is not occurring at or outside Parliament House or an office of a member of Parliament, and
- (e) the demonstration, protest, procession or assembly does not form part of industrial action or an industrial dispute or campaign, and
- (f) the direction is given only to the persons who are—
 - (i) intentionally blocking, impeding or hindering a person accessing or leaving, or attempting to access or leave, the place of worship, or

- (ii) harassing, intimidating or threatening a person accessing or leaving, or attempting to access or leave, the place of worship.