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2012

A Bill

for

An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* for particular purposes

[s 1]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Part 1 Preliminary 2

Clause 1 Short title 3

This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Law (False Evidence Before Parliament) Amendment Act 2012*. 4
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Part 2 Amendment of Criminal Code 6

Clause 2 Act amended 7

This part amends the Criminal Code. 8

Clause 3 Insertion of new s 57 9

After section 56B— 10

insert— 11

‘57 False evidence before Parliament 12

‘(1) A person who, during an examination before the Legislative Assembly or a committee, knowingly gives a false answer to a lawful and relevant question put to the person during the examination commits a crime. 13
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Maximum penalty—7 years imprisonment. 17

‘(2) A person can not be arrested without warrant. 18

‘(3) Despite the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 8, evidence of anything said or done during proceedings in the Assembly may be given in a proceeding against a person for an offence under this section to the extent necessary to prosecute the person for the offence. 19
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- ‘(4) Subsection (3) does not limit the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, section 36. 1
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- ‘(5) A person can not be convicted of an offence under this section 3
on the uncorroborated testimony of 1 witness. 4
- ‘(6) In this section— 5
- committee* see the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, 6
schedule. 7
- person* includes a member of the Legislative Assembly. 8
- proceedings in the Assembly* see the *Parliament of 9
Queensland Act 2001*, section 9 and schedule.’. 10

Part 3 **Amendment of Parliament of Queensland Act 2001** 11 12

Clause 4 **Act amended** 13
This part amends the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*. 14

Clause 5 **Amendment of s 36 (Inadmissibility of particular events before a committee)** 15
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(1) Section 36, heading, after ‘events before’— 17
insert— 18
‘**the Assembly or**’. 19

(2) Section 36(1), ‘Evidence’— 20
omit, insert— 21
‘Without limiting sections 8 and 9, evidence’. 22

(3) Section 36(1), before ‘a committee’— 23
insert— 24
‘the Assembly or’. 25

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