1. The Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2022 (the Bill) aims to improve the effectiveness of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES).
2. Amendments in the Bill to the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (PSAA) improves the police discipline system by:
* allowing the start of a disciplinary proceeding to be delayed until a related application for a domestic violence protection order naming the subject officer as a respondent is finalised;
* expanding the definition of ‘prescribed operation’ to include investigations using surveillance devices and similar operations conducted by other law enforcement agencies to allow the start of a related disciplinary proceeding to be delayed; and
* allowing another ‘prescribed officer’ to continue overseeing a disciplinary proceeding if the originally assigned prescribed officer cannot complete this process.
1. The Bill also:
* provides for the summary dismissal of police officers and police recruits who are sentenced to imprisonment, including a suspended sentence, for an offence;
* consolidates offences about the misuse of police information and increases its maximum penalty to two years imprisonment; and
* makes minor amendments to the PSAA and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* to reduce the legislative burden on the QPS by removing duplicitous or obsolete provisions and remedying issues caused through the operation of these Acts.
1. Amendments to the *Weapons Act 1990* allows a police officer or a QPS staff member to be delegated the licensing functions of an authorised officer.
2. The Bill also amends the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* (FES Act) and the *Disaster Management Act 2003* to:
* clarify that an authorised fire officer may enter premises and open a receptacle using a remote-controlled device;
* allow the QFES Commissioner to suspend a permit to light a fire;
* clarify that QFES can share information with the QPS about investigations into fires or hazardous materials emergencies involving death or serious injury;
* clarify occupiers’ obligations to maintain prescribed fire safety installations;
* extend the offence of impersonating an officer of the Fire and Rescue Service or a member of the State Emergency Service to also apply to a member of the Rural Fire Brigade;
* enable members of interstate fire brigades to assist at hazardous materials emergencies and rescues, as well as at fires in Queensland;
* provide for online publications consistent with the online publication requirements of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*;
* clarify the Building Code of Australia specifications that apply to the domestic dwelling smoke alarm requirements that are being phased out; and
* make minor corrections and amendments to the FES Act.
1. Cabinet approved that the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2022 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2022](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*](Attachments/SoC.PDF)