

CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 2017

SAMOA

Arrangement of Provisions

1. Short title and commencement
2. New Part 9A inserted

2017, No.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Crimes Act 2013 (“Principal Act”) and other related purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

1. Short title and commencement:

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Crimes Amendment Act 2017.
- (2) This Act commences on the date of its assent by the Head of State.

2. New Part 9A inserted:

The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Part 9A after section 117 as follows:

**“PART 9A
CRIMES AGAINST A PERSON’S REPUTATION**

117A. False statement causing harm to a person’s reputation:

- (1) A person commits an offence who publishes by any means information:
 - (a) about another person;
 - (b) that is false;
 - (c) with the intention to cause harm to that person’s reputation.
- (2) It is a defence under this section if the information published is true.
- (3) A person who commits a crime under this section is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 175 penalty units or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) months.”.
