

**SAMOA****Arrangement of Provisions**

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

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**2017, No. 20**

**AN ACT to amend the Crimes Act 2013 (“Principal Act”) and other related purposes.** *[21<sup>st</sup> December 2017]*

**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.”.

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The Crimes Amendment Act 2017  
is administered by the Ministry of Police.

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