



## ANALYSIS

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1999, No. 8

**An Act to amend the Victims of Offences Act 1987**

[4 March 1999]

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

**1. Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Victims of Offences Amendment Act 1999, and is part of the Victims of Offences Act 1987 (“the principal Act”).

(2) This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

**2. Notification of offender's parole hearing, release, or escape in certain cases**—The principal Act is amended by repealing section 11, and substituting the following section:

“11. (1) The victim of an offence of sexual violation or other serious assault or injury should be given the opportunity to request notification of—

“(a) The offender's impending release from penal custody; or

“(b) The offender's escape from penal custody; or

“(c) The time and date of the offender's parole hearing.

“(2) Where the victim makes such a request, then so long as the victim has supplied a current address and telephone number to the chief executive of the Department of Corrections, the victim should be—

“(a) Promptly notified of the offender's impending release, or escape, from penal custody; or

“(b) Given reasonable prior notice of the time and date of the offender’s parole hearing.”

**3. Consequential repeal**—The Department of Justice (Restructuring) Act 1995 is consequentially amended by repealing so much of the Second Schedule as relates to section 11 of the principal Act.

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This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.

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