

**ACT NO. 5 OF 2018**

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE  
President

[16 March 2018]

**AN ACT****TO AMEND THE CRIMES ACT 2009**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

*Short title and commencement*

**1.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Crimes (Amendment) Act 2018.

(2) This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

*Section 277 amended*

**2.** Section 277 of the Crimes Act 2009 is amended by deleting “Penalty — Imprisonment for 5 years.” and substituting the following—

“Penalty—

- (a) for paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) — imprisonment for 5 years; and
- (b) for paragraph (b) — imprisonment for 5 years, or imprisonment for 10 years if the person assaults a police officer in any of the following circumstances—
  - (i) he or she bites, spits on or throws at the police officer, or otherwise applies to the police officer a bodily fluid or human or animal faeces;

- (ii) he or she is, or pretends to be, armed with a dangerous or offensive weapon or instrument; or
- (iii) he or she causes bodily harm to the police officer.”.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 15th day of March 2018.