

“(2.) Subject to a lower rate being prescribed by the Regulations, the rate of the charge—

(a) in respect of fresh grapes, shall be five shillings per ton;
and

(b) in respect of dried grapes, shall be fifteen shillings per ton, of grapes delivered to a winery or distillery for use in the manufacture of wine.”

4. After section three of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“3A. The charge imposed by this Act shall be deemed, when it becomes due and payable, to be a debt due to the King on behalf of the Commonwealth by the owner of the winery or distillery to which the grapes, in respect of which the charge is payable, were delivered, and may be sued for and recovered by the Commonwealth in any Court of competent jurisdiction.”

Charge may be recovered.

BANKRUPTCY.

No. 28 of 1929.

An Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1928, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 17th December, 1929]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Bankruptcy Act* 1929.

(2.) The *Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1928* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1929.

2. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of the definition of “Officer” the following words “or of the Commonwealth.”

3.—(1.) Section twelve of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (5.) the words “officers of the Court” and inserting in their stead the words “controlled by the Court”; and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (7.) the words “an officer of the Court” and inserting in their stead the words “controlled by the Court”.

Short title and citation.

Definition.

District Registrars and Official Receivers.

* Act No. 37, 1924, as amended by No. 3, 1927; and No. 39, 1928.

(2.) This section shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of August One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

Bankruptcy
Courts.

4.—(1.) Section eighteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

“(b) the following State Courts and Courts of Territories, which are hereby invested with federal jurisdiction in bankruptcy throughout the Commonwealth :—

The Supreme Court of the State of New South Wales;
The Court of Insolvency in and for the State of Victoria;
The Supreme Court of the State of Queensland;
The Court of Insolvency of the State of South Australia;
The Supreme Court of the State of Western Australia;
The Supreme Court of the State of Tasmania;
The Supreme Court of North Australia; and
The Supreme Court of Central Australia.”

(2.) This section shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of August One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

5. Section twenty-three of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

Delegation
of authority
of Court to
Registrar.

“23. The Registrar may exercise such of the powers, duties and functions of an administrative nature exercisable by the Court as the Court directs or authorizes him to exercise.”

Jurisdiction of
Registrar.

6. Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the words “shall have, in addition to the powers which may be delegated to him by the Court under the provisions of this Act, the following powers, duties and jurisdiction of the Court,” and inserting in their stead the following words “may exercise in addition to the powers, duties and functions which the Court under the provisions of this Act may direct or authorize him to exercise, the following powers, duties and functions,”; and

(b) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

“(2.) Any order or direction made or given or act done by the Registrar in pursuance of this Act shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes and may be enforced as if it were an order, direction or act of the Court, subject, nevertheless, to review on summary application to the Court.”

Validation of
certain acts
done by
Registrar.

7. Any order made or act done by a Registrar in Bankruptcy or by any person purporting, in pursuance of any authority or appointment, to act as such Registrar before the commencement of this Act in pursuance of a power purporting to be delegated

to him by the Court under section twenty-three of the Principal Act or in pursuance of a power, duty or jurisdiction purporting to be had by him under section twenty-four of the Principal Act shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes and may be enforced as if it had been made or done in pursuance of an authority or direction given to him under the Principal Act, as amended by this Act, and any appointment of a person as Registrar in Bankruptcy made or purporting to have been made under the Principal Act shall be, and be deemed to have been, as valid and effectual as if it had been made under that Act as amended by this Act.

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect the rights or liabilities of any person under a judgment or order of a Court given or made prior to the commencement of this Act.

Rights of persons under judgments not affected.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION).

No. 29 of 1929.

An Act to amend the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1928*.

[Assented to 17th December, 1929.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1929*.

Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1928** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1929*.

2. Section six A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections:—

Meetings of the Commission.

“(1.) Subject to this section, meetings of the Commission shall be convened by the Chief Commissioner and shall be held at such times as he determines.

“(1A.) The Chief Commissioner shall give notice in writing by post to the other members of the Commission of any meeting of the Commission convened by him.”

3. Section ten of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) the word “three” and inserting in its stead the word “six”.

Office of Commissioner, how vacated.

*Act No. 8, 1924, as amended by No. 32, 1926; and No. 44, 1928.