

## ACTS INTERPRETATION.

### No. 79 of 1948.

#### An Act to amend the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1901-1947.

[Assented to 17th December, 1948.]

[Date of commencement, 14th January, 1949.]

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

Short title  
and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1948.

(2.) The *Acts Interpretation Act* 1901-1947\*, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1901-1948.

Reckoning  
of time.

2. Section thirty-six of the *Acts Interpretation Act* 1901-1947 is amended by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

“(2.) Where the last day of any period prescribed or allowed by an Act for the doing of anything falls on a Saturday, on a Sunday or on a day which is a public holiday or a bank holiday in the place in which the thing is to be or may be done, the thing may be done on the first day following which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday or bank holiday in that place.”

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\* Act No. 2, 1901, as amended by No. 4, 1916; No. 8, 1918; No. 23, 1930; No. 24, 1932; No. 10, 1937; No. 7, 1941; and No. 78, 1947.

## COAL PRODUCTION (WAR-TIME) ACT REPEAL.

### No. 80 of 1948.

#### An Act to provide for the repeal of the *Coal Production (War-time) Act* 1944, for the Collection of Statistics in respect of Coal, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 17th December, 1948.]

[Date of commencement, 14th January, 1949.]

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Coal Production (War-time) Act Repeal Act* 1948.

2. Section sixty-two of the *Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944* is repealed.

Repeal of section 62 of *Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944*.  
Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“the Board” means the Joint Coal Board constituted in pursuance of the *Coal Industry Act 1946*;

“the Commissioner” means the Commonwealth Coal Commissioner appointed under the *Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944*.

4. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Proclamation, declare that on a date specified in the Proclamation the *Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944* shall cease to be in operation in a State named in the Proclamation and thereupon that Act shall be deemed to be repealed on the date so specified in respect of its operation in that State.

Duration of *Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944*.

5.—(1.) Any property in any State (other than the State of New South Wales) named in a Proclamation under the last preceding section which, immediately prior to the date specified in the Proclamation, was vested in the Commonwealth Coal Commissioner under the *Coal Production (War-time) Act 1944* shall, on the date so specified, become vested in the Commonwealth.

Property of Commonwealth Coal Commissioner to vest in the Commonwealth.

(2.) In any contract subsisting immediately prior to the date specified in a Proclamation under the last preceding section to which the Commissioner is a party and which is to be or is being carried out in the State named in the Proclamation, any reference to the Commissioner shall, as on and from that date, be deemed to be a reference to the Commonwealth and any right, power, obligation or liability arising under the contract shall be vested in or imposed upon the Commonwealth.

6.—(1.) The Board may collect statistics relating to the production, distribution and use of coal, and for that purpose, may require persons to furnish to it such statistical returns and information relating to those matters as are prescribed.

Collection of statistics in relation to coal.

(2.) A requirement under the last preceding sub-section may be made by publication in the *Gazette* or by service personally or by registered post upon the persons to whom the requirement is addressed.

(3.) Any person who, without reasonable cause, refuses or fails to furnish any return or information required of him under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

7. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

Regulations.