DEFENCE.

No. 20 of 1953.

An Act to amend the Defence Act 1903-1952.

[Assented to 9th April, 1953.]

BE it enacted by the Queen'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 Defence Act 1953.
- (2.) The Defence Act 1903-1952,* as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Defence Act 1903-1953.

^{*} Act No. 20, 1903, as amended by No. 12, 1904; No. 15, 1909; Nos. 30 and 37, 1910; No. 16, 1911; No. 5, 1912; No. 36, 1914; No. 3, 1915; No. 36, 1917; Nos. 16 and 47, 1918; No. 1, 1927; No. 50, 1932; No. 45, 1934; Nos. 13, 38, 70 and 74, 1939; No. 4, 1941; No. 11, 1945; No. 78, 1947; No. 35, 1948; No. 71, 1949; No. 80, 1950; Nos. 19 and 59, 1951; and No. 98, 1952.

- 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it Commencement. receives the Royal Assent.
- 3. Section one hundred and twenty-four of the Defence Act Regulations. 1903-1952 is amended-
 - (a) by inserting after paragraph (qb) of sub-section (1.) the following paragraph:-
 - "(qba) The provision and maintenance of, and the execution of work in connexion with, the graves of persons who have died-
 - (i) while on service as members of the Defence Force; or
 - (ii) as a result of service as members of the
 - Defence Force; "; and (b) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words "paragraphs (qb), (qe) and (qf)" and inserting in their stead the words paragraphs (qb), (qba), (qe) and (qf)".