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AN ACT relating to the reciprocal enforcement of parole orders.

[Royal Assent 2 December 1983]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—This Act may be cited as the *Parole Orders (Transfer) Act* Short title. 1983.

2—(1) Section 1 and this section shall commence on the day on which this Act receives the royal assent. Commencement.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), the several provisions of this Act shall commence on such day or days as may be fixed by proclamation.

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

Interpretation.

“corresponding law” means a law of another State or a Territory relating to the transfer of parole orders declared by the Minister, by notice published in the *Gazette*, to be a corresponding law for the purposes of this Act;

- “ court of summary jurisdiction ” has the meaning assigned to that expression by section 3 (1) of the *Justices Act 1959*;
- “ designated authority ” means, in relation to another State or a Territory, the person or body with powers under the corresponding law of that other State or Territory that correspond to those of the Minister under section 5;
- “ officer of the Public Service ” means a person employed in any capacity, whether permanently or otherwise, in any branch of the Public Service;
- “ Parole Board ” means the Parole Board established under the *Parole Act 1975*;
- “ parole order ” means a parole order in force under the *Parole Act 1975* or under a law of another State or a Territory relating to parole, and includes—
- (a) an authority given under a law of this State or a law of another State or a Territory for the release of a person from imprisonment or lawful detention, being an authority that is to be deemed to be such a parole order under such a law; and
 - (b) such a parole order or authority as varied from time to time;
- “ Public Service ” has the meaning assigned to that expression in the *Public Service Act 1973*;
- “ Registrar ” means the Registrar of Transferred Parole Orders appointed and holding office under section 4;
- “ sentence of imprisonment ” includes an order, direction, declaration, or other authority under which a person may be lawfully detained in a prison;
- “ Territory ” means a Territory of the Commonwealth.

Appointment
of Registrar.

4—(1) Subject to and in accordance with the *Public Service Act 1973*, a person shall be appointed to be and hold office as Registrar of Transferred Parole Orders.

(2) The office of Registrar may be held separately or in conjunction with any other office in the Public Service.

Requests for
registration of
transferred
parole orders.

5—(1) The Minister may at the request in writing of the designated authority for another State or a Territory, by instrument in writing, direct the Registrar to register under this Act a parole order that was in force at the time of the request under a law of that other State or that Territory.

(2) The Minister may, by instrument in writing addressed to the designated authority for another State or a Territory, request that a parole order that is in force under a law of this State be registered under the corresponding law of that other State or that Territory.

6—(1) Where the Minister requests the designated authority for another State or a Territory under section 5 (2) to register a parole order under the corresponding law of that other State or that Territory, the Minister shall cause to be sent to the designated authority—

Documents to accompany requests.

- (a) the parole order to which the request relates together with any variations of the order;
- (b) the judgment or order by virtue of which the person to whom the parole order relates became liable to undergo the imprisonment to which the parole order relates;
- (c) particulars in writing of the address of that person last-known to the Minister; and
- (d) a report in writing relating to that person containing such information and accompanied by such documents as appear to be likely to be of assistance to any court, authority, or officer in that other State or that Territory, including all documents that were before the body making the parole order, details of convictions, sentences of imprisonment, minimum terms of imprisonment, periods of imprisonment served, class of prisoner, remissions earned, and other grants of parole.

(2) A reference in subsection (1) (other than a reference in subsection (1) (a)) to an order, judgment, or other document is a reference to the original or to a copy certified as a true copy by a person purporting to be the person in whose custody the original is entrusted.

7—(1) The Minister shall not direct under section 5 (1) the registration under this Act of a parole order in force under a law of another State or a Territory unless—

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- (a) he is satisfied, on consideration of relevant information and documents forwarded to him by the designated authority for that other State or that Territory, that, having regard to the interests of the person to whom the parole order relates, it is desirable that the parole order be so registered; and

(b) either—

(i) that person has given his consent to, or has requested, the registration of the parole order under this Act; or

(ii) that person is residing in this State.

(2) The Minister shall not make a request under section 5 (2) for the registration under the corresponding law of another State or a Territory of a parole order in force under a law of this State unless—

(a) he is satisfied that, having regard to the interests of the person to whom the parole order relates, it is desirable that the parole order be so registered; and

(b) either—

(i) that person has given his consent to, or has requested, the registration of the parole order under the corresponding law of that other State or that Territory; or

(ii) there are reasonable grounds for believing that that person is residing in that other State or that Territory.

Registration.

8—(1) When so directed under section 5 (1), the Registrar shall register a parole order under this Act by—

(a) endorsing on the parole order a memorandum signed by him to the effect that the parole order is, on the date of the endorsement, registered under this Act; and

(b) keeping the endorsed parole order in a register together with the original or copy of the judgment or order sent by the designated authority, being the judgment or order by virtue of which the person to whom the parole order relates became liable to undergo the imprisonment to which the parole order relates.

(2) When the Registrar has registered a parole order, he shall—

(a) forward to the chairman of the Parole Board one copy of the parole order, being a copy on which is written a copy of the memorandum endorsed on the parole order in accordance with subsection (1), together with one copy of the judgment or order referred to in subsection (1) (b); and

- (b) cause notice in writing of the fact and date of the registration of the parole order to be given to the designated authority who requested the registration of the parole order, and to be served personally on the person to whom the parole order relates.

9—(1) Subject to this section, while a parole order (including a parole order that was, at any time, in force in this State) is registered under this Act, the laws of this State apply to and in relation to the parole order and the person to whom the parole order relates. Effect of registration.

(2) If the parole order registered under this Act was made under a law of another State or a Territory, the laws of this State apply under subsection (1) as if—

- (a) each sentence of imprisonment to which the person to whom the parole order relates was subject immediately before the making of the parole order had been imposed by the appropriate court of this State;
- (b) each period of imprisonment served by that person for the purpose of each such sentence had been served for the purpose of the sentence imposed by the appropriate court of this State; and
- (c) the parole order had been made and were in force under a law of this State.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2), the appropriate court of this State in relation to a sentence of imprisonment is—

- (a) where the sentence was imposed by a court of summary jurisdiction or by a court on appeal from such a court—a court of summary jurisdiction; and
- (b) in any other case—the Supreme Court.

(4) Where a parole order registered under this Act is revoked or is to be deemed to have been revoked under a law of this State, the person to whom the parole order related shall be liable to serve a period of imprisonment equal to the period for which he was liable, on the date on which he was released on parole under the order, to be imprisoned.

Effect of transfer of parole order to another State or a Territory.

10—(1) On the registration under a corresponding law of a parole order that, immediately before that registration, was in force under a law of this State—

- (a) the parole order ceases to be in force in this State;
- (b) in the case of a parole order that was registered under this Act, the parole order ceases to be so registered; and
- (c) each sentence of imprisonment to which the person to whom the parole order relates was subject immediately before the registration under the corresponding law ceases to have effect in this State.

(2) On the subsequent registration under this Act of a parole order in relation to which subsection (1) has, at any time, applied—

- (a) paragraphs (a) and (c) of that subsection cease to apply in relation to the parole order; and
- (b) the force and effect that the parole order, and each sentence of imprisonment to which the person to whom the parole order relates was subject, had under a law of this State immediately before the registration under the corresponding law revive and continue while the parole order is registered under this Act.

Evidence.

11—(1) An instrument in writing that purports to be a copy of a memorandum endorsed on a parole order on a specified date under section 8 (1) and to have been signed by the Registrar is, until the contrary is proved, evidence that the parole order was registered under this Act on that date.

(2) A parole order made under a law of another State or a Territory and registered under this Act may be received in evidence in any court without further proof by the production of a copy of the parole order certified as a true copy by the Registrar, and such a copy is, until the contrary is proved, evidence of the matters stated in the parole order.

Delegation.

12—(1) The Minister may, either generally or as otherwise provided by the instrument of delegation, by writing signed by him, delegate to an officer of the Public Service such of his powers under this Act (other than this power of delegation) as are specified in the instrument, and may, by a similar instrument, revoke wholly or in part any such delegation.

(2) A power so delegated, when exercised by the delegate, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been exercised by the Minister.

(3) A delegation under this section does not prevent the exercise of a power by the Minister.

13—The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Regulations. Act.

