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GEORGII V. REGIS.

No. 75.

ANALYSIS.

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AN ACT to amend "The Audit Act, 1918." [14 February, 1922.]

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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—(1) This Act may be cited as "The Audit Act, 1922." (2) "The Audit Act, 1918," is herein called the Principal Act.

Short title. 9 Geo. V. No. 3.

2 Section Sixteen of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the Repeal and following section substituted therefor:—

"16 All votes which shall be appropriated out of the Consolidated Revenue for the service of any financial year, and which shall not be Unexpended expended during such year, shall lapse, but the Treasurer may, out of votes to lapse at any moneys appropriated for the service of a department for any finan- close of financial cial year, pay the liabilities of such department which were outstanding year. at the close of the immediately preceding financial year."

re-enactment of Section 16 of the Principal Act.

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Amendment of Section 17 of the Principal Act. 3 Section Seventeen of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

I. By expunging the first Six lines of Subsection (1) thereof, and the whole of Paragraph I. of the said subsection, and substituting the following therefor:—

"17—(1) The Treasurer may in any financial year before the passing of any Supply Act or Appropriation Act for that year, pay such sums as may be necessary to meet the current and accruing requirements for the year, subject to the following provisions:—

1. The authority of the Treasurer shall cease upon the passing of any Supply Act or Appropriation Act for or in respect of such financial year, and shall not in any event extend beyond the period of the First month of such year:"

II. By deleting the word "succeeding" in the First line of Paragraph iv. of Subsection (1) of the said section.

Amendment of Section 29 of the Principal Act.

4 Section Twenty-nine of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

I. By deleting the words "Thirtieth day of September" in the Second line thereof, and substituting the words "Thirty-first day of August" therefor:

II. By expunging Paragraph II. thereof, and substituting the

following paragraph therefor:—

"n. An abstract of the receipts and expenditure for such year, distinguishing the receipts connected with the Consolidated Revenue from other receipts: and."

Amendment of general regulations in Schedule (2).

5 The General Regulations set forth in Schedule (2) to the Principal Act are hereby amended as follows:

1. As to Regulation Twenty-two by deleting the words "and during the First month of the following financial year on account of the past financial year" in the Third and Fourth lines of the regulation:

II. As to Regulation Twenty-eight by inserting after the word "December" in the Twenty-second line thereof the following words:—"and for the month of June on any day not earlier than the Twenty-seventh day of the month of June":

111. As to Regulation Thirty-one by expunging Division (a) of Paragraph (4) thereof, and substituting the following as

Division (a) of the said paragraph:—

"(a) In the case of floating advances, by repayment to the Treasurer on or before the Twenty-fifth day of June in the financial year of any unexpended balances, and by the transmission at the same time to the Treasurer of complete and satisfactory vouchers":

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and by adding the following proviso to Paragraph (4):—

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"Provided that the Treasurer may, from time to time, with the concurrence of the Auditor-General, by minute under his hand, exempt any Department of the Public Service from the operation of this paragraph of this regulation, and may in a similar manner, and with such concurrence as aforesaid, at any time cancel or revoke such exemption ":

and by inserting at the end of the regulation the following paragraph as Paragraph (6) thereof:-

"(6) The Treasurer shall make no payment of salaries or allowances to any department which has made default in compliance with the provisions of Paragraph (4) of this regulation until such default has been remedied."

6 The instructions set forth in Schedule (3) to the Principal Act Amendment of are hereby amended as follows:---

instructions in Schedule (3).

- 1. As to Instruction 14, by deleting the words "Thirtieth day of September" in the First line thereof, and substituting the words "Thirty-first day of August," therefor:
- II. As to Instruction 16, by deleting the word "revenue" in the Second line thereof, and substituting the word "receipts," therefor:
- 111. As to Instruction 21, by expunging the same, and substituting the following therefor as Instruction 21:—
 - "21. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act to the contrary, the operations for the financial year of any suspense account shall, where the Treasurer by minute under his hand so directs, close on the Thirty-first day of May, and any operations of such account subsequent to the Thirty-first day of May in such financial year shall be deemed to be operations in respect of the next succeeding financial year; such direction as aforesaid may be limited in its operation to a particular year, but if not so limited, it shall be operative until cancelled or revoked by the Treasurer by minute as aforesaid ":
- iv. As to Instruction 22 by expunging the same and substituting the following as Instruction 22:-
 - "22. On the close of each financial year all votes for that year shall be deemed to have lapsed.'

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