

Grocery Prices Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Bill.

Clause 2 provides the commencement provision.

Clause 3 provides for the definitions of various terms in the Bill. The clause also defines the shops to which the legislation applies.

Clause 4 provides that the Governor in Council may declare basic grocery items.

Clause 5 provides that the Minister may recommend to the Governor in Council that a declaration be made:

- regulating the price of a basic grocery item.
- setting the maximum price for a basic grocery item.

The Clause also provides that the declaration may apply to manufacturers, producers, wholesalers and shops in Victoria.

The Clause also provides for the tabling of a declaration in the Parliament and for the ability of the Parliament to disallow any declaration.

Clause 6 provides for offences against the Act.

Clause 7 provides for notification of prices and changes in prices when a declaration is in force under Clause 5.

Clause 8 provides for offences by bodies corporate.

Clause 9 provides the Regulation-making powers.

Clause 10 provides for the cessation of the operation of the Act.

