

No. , 1914.

A BILL

For the interpretation of Acts hereafter passed,
and for further shortening their language.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-
lative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South
Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :—

Short title and application.

1. This Act may be cited as the " Interpretation Act Short title.
of 1914," and shall be construed with the Interpretation
Act of 1897.

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Interpretation.

- 2. (1) This Act shall apply to this Act and to Acts hereafter passed. Application of Act.
- (2) This Act shall bind the Crown.

Rules of Interpretation.

3. (1) Where an Act refers to another Act the reference shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be deemed to include any Act then in force or thereafter enacted amending the Act referred to or incorporating any of its provisions. References in Acts.

(2) References in an Act to any ordinances, rules, regulations, or by-laws shall be deemed to include any ordinances, rules, regulations, or by-laws amending, superseding, or in substitution for those referred to.

4. In any Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Words in Acts.
 “Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of Australia.

“Commonwealth Act” means an Act of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

“Prescribed” means prescribed by the Act or by regulations, ordinances, rules, or by-laws under the Act.

“Proclamation” means proclamation by the Governor published in the Gazette.

“State” means the State of New South Wales.

5. (1) The headings of the parts, divisions, and sub-divisions of an Act, and every schedule to an Act, shall be deemed to be part of the Act. Parts and divisions. Commonwealth Act No. 2, 1901, s. 13.

(2) Neither the marginal notes nor the foot-notes to any Act shall be deemed to be part of the Act.

Offences and penalties in Acts.

6. Where an act or omission constitutes an offence under two or more Acts, or both under an Act and at common law, the offender shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be liable to be prosecuted and punished under either or any of those Acts or at common law, but shall not be liable to be punished twice for the same offence. Punishments for offences. Commonwealth Act No. 2, 1901, s. 30. 52 and 53 Vic, c. 63, s. 33.

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Interpretation.

- 7.** The penalty, pecuniary or other, set out—
- (a) at the foot of any subsection of a section of an Act, or
 - (b) at the foot of a section of an Act,
- shall indicate that any contravention of the subsection or section respectively, whether by act or omission, shall be an offence against the Act, punishable on conviction by a penalty not exceeding the penalty mentioned.
- 8.** (1) Offences against an Act which are punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding six months shall, unless the contrary intention appears in the Act, be indictable offences.
- (2) Offences against an Act which—
- (a) are punishable by imprisonment, for a period not exceeding six months, or
 - (b) not being punishable by imprisonment, are not declared to be indictable offences,
- shall, unless the contrary intention appears in the Act, be punishable on summary conviction.

Penalties in Acts. Commonwealth Act No. 1, 1904, s. 4.

Indictable offences. Commonwealth Act No. 1, 1904, s. 5. Offences punishable summarily.

Regulations.

- 9.** When an Act confers power to make regulations, all regulations made accordingly shall, unless the contrary intention appears—
- (a) be published in the Gazette;
 - (b) take effect from the date of publication unless a later date is specified in the regulations; and
 - (c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within thirty days of the publication thereof, or if the Parliament is not then sitting, within thirty days after the next meeting of the Parliament.
- If either House of Parliament passes a resolution within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

Publication and effect of regulations. Commonwealth Act No. 1, 1904, s. 10.