

IMMIGRATION (GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN).

No. 29 of 1952.

An Act to amend the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946-1948*.

[Assented to 16th June, 1952.]

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 *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1952*.

(2.) The *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946-1948** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act 1946-1952*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Definitions.

3. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) of the definition of “immigrant child” and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

“(b) a person under the age of twenty-one years who enters Australia as an immigrant, not being a person who enters Australia in the charge of, or for the purpose of living in Australia under the care of, a parent of that person, or a relative of that person not less than twenty-one years of age.”.

4. After section four of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

Evidence.

“4A. For the purposes of this Act (including proceedings arising under this Act or in which a question arises as to the application of this Act to a person), a certificate in writing by a prescribed officer of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth that a person named in the certificate is an immigrant child, or was, at a date specified in the certificate, an immigrant child, is evidence of the fact so certified.”.

* Act No. 45, 1946, as amended by No. 62, 1948.

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5. Section eleven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

“ 11. The Minister may, by order in writing under his hand, direct that the provisions of this Act shall not apply in respect of a child specified in the order, or a child included in a class of children so specified, and, while the order is in force, the provisions of this Act do not apply to or in relation to that child or to a child included in that class of children.”.

Exemption of
children from
Act.