**Native Members of the Forces Benefits**

**No. 109 of 1965**

An Act to amend section 3 of the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957, and for purposes connected therewith.

[Assented to 18 December, 1965]

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 *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1965.

(2.) The *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957-1965.

**Commencement.**

**2.**—(1.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2.) Section 3 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the day on which the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957 came into operation.

**Definitions.**

**3.** Section 3 of the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957 is amended—

(*a*)by inserting in the definition of “native member of the Forces”, after the words “aboriginal native”, the words “of Australia,”; and

(*b*)by inserting in paragraph (*b*)of the definition of “the Minister”, after the words “aboriginal natives”, the words “of Australia or”.

**Native Members of the Forces (Torres Strait Islands) Benefits Regulations.**

**4.** The Native Members of the Forces (Torres Strait Islands) Benefits Regulations as in force from time to time before the date on which this Act receives the Royal Assent shall be deemed to have had effect, and those Regulations as in force on and after that date and before the time when those Regulations are first amended after that date shall have effect, by force of this section, as if a member for the purposes of those Regulations included a native member of the Forces who was or is an aboriginal native of Australia.